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M. W. Bro. Bradley was born on a farm in Ontario County, Ontario, on June 19th, 1887. He attended the public school at Cedar Creek, the High School at Port Perry, and took a business course in Toronto before turning westward at 19. Like many another good man, he chose Alberta, and this Province has been his home ever since. The first three years after his arrival in 1906, were spent with Foley, Welch & Stewart, who were then engaged in the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and Brother Bradley covered the country from Saskatoon to Edson. In 1909 he left the construction work and entered the retail merchandising field where he remained until 1920, when he started his own brokerage business in Edmonton, which he has operated with increasing success for the past twenty-four years.

In 1912 he was married to Miss Blanche Sutherland, and they have one son now serving overseas with the R.A.F. Transport Command.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Brother Bradley's Masonic career began with his initiation into Unity Lodge U.D. on November 15th, 1910. He was Master of Unity in 1932, and D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 in 1937. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1940, and became Grand Master in 1943. He is a past T.P.G.M. of Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, holding that important office in 1937, the same year he was D.D.G.M. He is a member of Mizpah Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix and of Alberta Consistory, A. & A.S.R. In 1943 he was honoured by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, which conferred on him the honorary rank of Past Grand Master.

He has not confined his good works to Masonry alone. His other activities include the chairmanship of the Brokers Section of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. A past president of the Alberta Food Brokers' Association, he is also a member of the Canadian Food Brokers Association. He is an active member of the Northern Alberta Division of the Navy League of Canada.

The bare bones of the record do not bear witness to the energy, enthusiasm and warm-heartedness which have been poured out in the service of Masonry and mankind by our Grand Master. During his long years in Unity he gave, and is still giving, yeoman service, and his work in Grand Lodge is but further evidence of his determination to give his best for the service of his brethren. His broad experience of men and affairs, his cheerful personality and his kindly interest in all of the 11,000 members of the Craft in this Jurisdiction, have earned for him an enviable place in the Masonic history of Alberta. A love of good livestock, particularly of the white-faced cattle, harks back to his boyhood on the farm in Ontario, and a day's chicken shooting or a game of bridge give him occasional relaxation from his heavy duties.

Coming to his high office in the prime of life, he has given splendid service, and the Craft has gained greatly from his work. A substantial increase in membership, an added emphasis on our duty to the men and women now defending our lives and liberties, and an added pride in the great Institution to which we all have the honour to belong, are some of the fruits of Brother Bradley's year as Grand Master. His brethren are glad that his rich experience and wealth of energy will be at their service for many more years.

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Wor. Bro. H. C. Kent.....	W. M. " 4
Bro. W. J. Savage	S. W. " 4
Wor. Bro. T. H. Lonsdale	W. M. " 5
Bro. S. M. Finders.....	S. W. " 6
Wor. Bro. E. P. Richards.....	W. M. " 7
Bro. George Hill.....	S. W. " 7
Wor. Bro. F. W. Churchill	W. M. " 8
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Bro. Ernest G. Tyson.....	S. W. " 33
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Wor. Bro. L. C. Kennedy	W. M.	" 72
Wor. Bro. C. Ross Walker	W. M.	" 74
Wor. Bro. Geo. Johnson	W. M.	" 77
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Bro. Daniel McAfee	S. W.	" 91
Wor. Bro. Archie S. Williams	W. M.	" 92
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OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. W. Bro. Melford S. Eby (91) informed the M. W. the Grand Master, who with his Grand Officers, proceeded in procession and assumed their stations. A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Master in welcoming the brethren to the Thirty-ninth Annual Communication said: "I want to say to you, Brethren, how glad I am to see so many faces from all parts of the Province. It is really gratifying to myself and every Grand Lodge Officer here. I hope during the next two days you will enjoy yourselves, and that you will bring something to Grand Lodge and take something away. I have made preparations which I hope will be pleasing to you, and I hope that you will enter into the spirit of this meeting. We are going to proceed immediately by receiving the distinguished visitors."

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Master announced that M. W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; R. W. Bro. W. Donovan, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and M. W. Bro. J. C. Brown, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, were in waiting, and requested M. W. Bro. Botterill, M. W. Bro. Sam Harris and M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith to retire and introduce the distinguished visitors. The introductions being over, the Grand Master welcomed them as follows:

"We are honoured indeed to have you with us this morning. We are delighted that you have been able to find time to pay us a visit. We ask you now to take places in the East—we will want to hear from you later."

M. W. Bro. Chas. E. Coe, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, was announced in waiting, and R. W. Bro. William Ireland was asked to retire and introduce our distinguished Guest. The Grand Master welcomed M. W. Bro. Coe as follows: "We are indeed honoured to have you with us this morning. It is a very great pleasure indeed to have you attend our Annual Communication. We have a very kindly feeling towards Montana. Many of our Brethren have visited your Lodges, and these visits have been returned. We feel very close to each other. I would ask you to approach the East, and later on we shall have the pleasure of hearing from you."

The Grand First Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand, was then formally introduced by R. W. Bro. Percy Cull, and the Illustrious Deputy of the Scottish Rite in Alberta, M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, was introduced by R. W. Bro. John Gaunt. In welcoming them, the Grand Master, addressing M. W. Bro. Braithwaite said: "M. W. Bro. Braithwaite, you were elected to your office in the year 1902. About this time the Masonic Jurisdiction embraced Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Assiniboia, Alberta and the Yukon. For many years you have also been our Grand Representative to the United Grand Lodge of England. May I say, M. W. Sir, many come to Grand Lodge with the hope of meeting and hearing again the disting-

uished members of Grand Lodge who have guided our Order through the years, and who have done so much to keep before us the Masonic traditions of freedom, equality and fraternity; freedom of thought, equality of hope, and fraternity that moves us to regard our fellow man as Brothers, and introducing you, M. W. Bro. Braithwaite, may I say I am happy to introduce a Brother, and a friend of all Masons. Your long and distinguished career speaks for itself. We are glad to receive you this morning as the head of the Scottish Rite in this Province". In welcoming R. W. Bro. Hand, the Grand Master said: "It was a very great pleasure to have you introduced and received as the head and guiding hand of the Royal Arch Masons in this Province. We welcome you, not only in that capacity, but in the capacity of a fellow member of this Grand Lodge. I will now ask you and M. W. Bro. Braithwaite to take seats in the East and take part in our service."

RECEPTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR OF EDMONTON

It was announced that M. W. Bro. Alderman M. M. Downey was waiting to bring the greetings from His Worship, the Mayor, and Aldermen of the City of Edmonton. R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming was requested to retire and introduce the distinguished visitor. M. W. Bro. Downey being received, the Grand Master addressed him as follows:

"M. W. Bro. Downey, in your capacity as representative of His Worship, the Mayor of Edmonton, and as a Freemason, you need no introduction to this gathering. We are honoured indeed to have you with us representing the City of Edmonton. Mayor Fry, before he left for the East, sent his regrets that he could not be here, but said he was sending a distinguished Brother in his place, and we agree he has done so. We welcome you to this gathering, and I ask you to come to the East, and we will hear from you later."

M. W. BRO. A. M. MITCHELL

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill in rising to address Grand Lodge said: "May I join with the Grand Master in saying how pleased I am to see so many present. I also regret there are many absent. Owing to the absence of so many Past Grand Masters, it has fallen to my lot to bring a message that is a message of regret. You come here once a year and you attend your Lodge, and you feel your work is over, but the Brother I am speaking of carries on throughout the year—M. W. Bro. Alex Mitchell—who brings you a message in the Bulletin each month. I think it is fitting that we should express to him and to his family our sincere hope that he will in due course be restored to pick up his working tools and carry on as before. I move that a letter be sent to M. W. Bro. Alex Mitchell, conveying our very best wishes for his restoration to complete health." This motion was seconded by M. W. Bro. Braithwaite, and was unanimously endorsed by all present.

The Grand Master, addressing Grand Lodge, then said: "My Brethren, I feel, and I believe that most of you feel, that the Great Architect of the Universe has been extremely kind to us during the past year. He has brought us a long way since the dark days of Dunkerque. On the occasion of this, our Thirty-ninth Annual Communication, we meet for the fifth time under the stress and strain of war. I invite you to join with me in a simple service of praise and thanksgiving and supplication to the Almighty Architect, under whose protection we have enjoyed liberty and freedom from oppression during these fateful years. You will be led in these devotions by the R. W. the Senior Grand Warden."

SPECIAL SERVICE

S.G.W. *Brethren, we will sing the opening ode:*

Unto the hills around do I lift up
 My longing eyes;
 O whence for me shall my salvation come,
 From whence arise?
 From God the Lord, doth come my certain aid,
 From God the Lord, who heaven and earth hath made.

He will not suffer that thy foot be moved;
 Safe shalt thou be.
 No careless slumber shall his eyelids close,
 Who keepeth thee.
 Behold our God, the Lord He slumbereth ne'er,
 Who keepeth Israel in his holy care.

Jehovah is Himself thy keeper true,
 Thy changeless shade;
 Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand,
 Himself hath made.
 And thee no sun by day shall ever smite,
 No moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

From every evil shall He keep thy soul,
 From every sin.
 Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,
 Thy coming in.
 Above thee watching, He whom we adore,
 Shall keep thee henceforth, yea, for evermore. Amen.

S.G.W. *Be seated Brethren; let us bow our heads in prayer:*

We acknowledge the glorious Majesty of the Most High God.
 We praise Him for the eternal glory of His unchanging love,
 and for all the blessings so richly bestowed upon us.

We bring before thee O God our Father, all our desires, our
 needs and our hopes; praying for our King and Queen, that
 they may be strengthened with courage and hope, through the
 assurance of their people's loyalty and love.

For all Ministers of State and for all the Parliaments in the
 Dominions, that they may be wise to think, bold to plan
 and swift to act.

For the leaders of the Navy, the Army and the Air Force, and
 for all the men and women of the Forces and the Merchant
 Navy; especially for all who have gone out from this Province
 and those who are near and dear to ourselves.

For all civilian workers who help, by day and night, to protect
 homes and lives; and for all who are bearing the burden of
 long hours and heavy labour.

For all prisoners of war; for the sick and wounded; and for the
 doctors and nurses who minister to them; for the mourners
 and the anxious; and for all who are desolate and oppressed.

For all children, especially those who are separated from their homes or are suffering hunger.

For those who have been driven from their homes by the enemy, and have lost all that once was theirs.

And we remember before Thee the fallen in battle, and all who have lost their lives through enemy action; praying that they may be accounted worthy to share the vision of Thy beauty, and to find light and joy in the heavenly places.

That it may please Thee to make an end of all wars; to bring forth the brotherhood of man in all the world, using our own Order as an instrument of Thy Power to set up on earth Thy Kingdom of justice and fraternal affection.

Thou art worthy O God to receive honour and glory and blessing; Blessed be Thy glorious name, for Thy good Soldiers striving lawfully, fighting manfully, enduring unto the end.

We thank Thee for the success already granted to our Arms, and here we dedicate ourselves once more to Thy Service, now in the remaining time of war and in the years of Peace to follow; give to every country the spirit of human brotherhood; draw together, we pray Thee, in true fellowship, the men of divers races, that bearing one another's burdens and working together in brotherly accord they may fulfil the purpose of Thy Providence, the establishment of freedom for all people throughout the world.

Let us gather up our prayers in the words which Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, For ever and ever, Amen.

Reading from the V.O.T.S.L. Isaiah XL, v. 25 to end.

ADDRESS BY THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

"My brethren, we meet today in circumstances unparalleled in the history of the world, at a moment when it would have appeared that science had provided its human authors with all the amenities of life, when science had presented undreamed of facilities for easy living, when unbounded sources of opportunities for pleasure and enjoyment were lavished upon us, and our standard of life might have been declared to be the height of luxury, with every hope of leisure to enjoy it, we suddenly stood aghast at the diabolical transformation of those erstwhile pleasures. Science has been prostituted. We have seen armaments exceed themselves. All the forces of evil demanded greater and more deadly instruments of destruction. We engaged in an incredible conflagration of suicide. That is the state of affairs today. Our great Commonwealth of Nations of the British Empire, with our gallant Allies, have waged wars on many fronts, and have fought battles with such determination, to win, at times, even the admiration of our foes. And now in these latter days, the so-called Second Front has been em-

barked upon, and, thanks be to God, the enemy has been made abundantly aware of it. Today we are engaged in a death struggle—a veritable fight for life—a war to win back freedom. We will buy our right to live, and the final possession of that freedom will be purchased by the ghastly diffusion of blood. Whose the sacrifice? The most crushing burden lies upon those of our dearest and brightest and our best; those noble souls of virile manhood, whom God created in his own image, lie in their thousands, battered, torn, bleeding and dead, on every field of battle. The oceans receive into their depths the shattered and whole bodies of living souls, whose only fault lay in this spirit of sacrifice, loyalty and determination to conquer or to die, and while we sit here in peace, the world is filled with the maimed and the slain. And the end is yet to come, but ere that day dawns, the day for which we yearn and pray, the loss and the pain will mount higher and still higher, and whilst we give more and more precious blood, that the lust of our enemies for world domination, with all its savagery and violence, is broken, no one knows in these days close upon us, how they will affect us. There are few within these walls who have no one standing in the front line, no one doing their bit to keep the enemy at bay. Already some of our brethren have been called upon to endure the grief that death brings, and they feel that all happiness has been taken out of life. Theirs is the faith that knows no fault but victory, that God will defend the right, and possibly in God's own good time we believe they will come to know, by happy experience, the truth of those words, "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." The military defeat which led to Dunkerque was, in reality, a victory, since the human spirit survived over military force, but whether victory is the ultimate outcome of this war, will depend on how far we are willing to co-operate with God in his renewing and redemptive work, and if we can assure our sons who fight for us, that they go forward with the support of our prayers. These are days for testing of character, for examination. Even at the present time we fear lest we be persuaded to soften or to mitigate the punishments we are now planning. We have a duty far wider than a strict adherence to our Lodge, something wider, greater than all that. Our duty is to maintain the reality of fellowship under God in the Brotherhood of the Craft, to the end that freedom in a fresh life shall be the assured heritage of all oppressed people."

S.G.W. *We will sing the closing ode:*

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
 To his feet thy tribute bring;
 Ransom'd, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Evermore His praises sing;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise the everlasting King.
 Praise Him for His grace and favour,
 To our fathers in distress;
 Praise Him still the same as ever,
 Slow to chide and swift to bless;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Glorious in His faithfulness.
 Father-like, He tends and spares us,
 Well our feeble frame He knows;
 In His hands He gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him;
 Ye behold Him face to face;
 Saints triumphant, bow before Him,
 Gathered in from every race;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise with us the God of grace.

Amen.

S.G.W. *Brethren, let us bow our heads in prayer:*

O Almighty Architect, whose power none is able to withstand, may it please Thee to give decisive victory to our Arms. As we have striven for peace, and now fight against the domination of force for the deliverance of those that are under the shadow of death, we humbly beseech Thee to grant us such complete victory over our enemies as will ensure abiding and universal peace.

Out of the present confusion and strife may Thy Kingdom come in all the world, and in victory may we prove worthy of the high cause to which Thou hast called us, remembering the deliverance that came from Thee in the hour of our need and extreme peril.

Bless our Order and prosper our labours, uniting us and all mankind in true brotherhood under Thee our Father.

So mote it be.

INTRODUCTION OF HIS HONOR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

It was announced that His Honor, Lieutenant Governor J. C. Bowen was in waiting. The Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. J. Martland to retire and introduce His Honor. To the strains of the National Anthem, His Honor entered the Lodge Room, escorted by M. W. Bro. J. Martland, preceded by a Standard Bearer with the Union Jack. In introducing His Honor, M. W. Bro. Martland said: "It gives me very great pleasure, and I consider it a privilege and honour to introduce to you, and through you to the Officers and members of this Grand Lodge here assembled, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, R. W. Bro. J. C. Bowen, Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge. He is well-known to all the Brethren here, and has taken great interest in our work at all times."

The M. W. the Grand Master extended to His Honor a cordial welcome, expressing the pleasure it was to all present to have him with us, not only for the very high position which he held and for the good wishes he would bring, but for his interest in Masonry, which he has shown throughout the years. He was formally invited to take a seat in the East.

The Grand Master then advised all concerned that balloting would close at 4 p.m. that day.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Master then asked the Grand Representatives to approach the Altar and present greetings from their respective Grand

Lodges, which was done. The Grand Master then said: "The Grand Lodge of Norway is one of those Grand Bodies in Europe, where the Lights have gone out. Due to the war, fraternal communication is no longer possible. The Office of Grand Representative to Norway is now vacant, and I deem it fitting that a Brother, a Native of Norway, who has located in our midst, should be nominated to that distinguished office. I refer to R. W. Bro. Hans Farvolden. R. W. Bro. Farvolden has been an ardent worker for the Cause of Freemasonry for many years. As Secretary of his Lodge and as District Deputy of his District, he has given of his services unstintingly. His sons, and other members of his family, are in the Armed Forces, fighting that the freedom of Norway, among other Countries, shall, in due time, be restored. We hope that the day will soon come when we can advise the Grand Lodge of Norway that R. W. Bro. Farvolden has been appointed as our Representative for that Grand Lodge. In the meantime, I have great pleasure in nominating him until such time as his appointment can be approved.

In accepting your greetings from your respective Grand Lodges, I would ask you to write to the Grand Lodge you have the honour to represent, and convey to them the fraternal greetings and best wishes of this Grand Lodge.

One thing more, I would like to draw to the attention of the brethren present, that we have the distinction of having with us this morning, our Representative to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, W. Bro. Leonard O. Gould of Rochester, N. Y." Bro. Gould presented the greetings in person from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and expressed his pleasure at the opportunity offered him to attend this Thirty-ninth Annual Communication. The Brethren then resumed their stations.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard(28), "That the Minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-eighth Annual Communication held in the City of Calgary, on June 9th and 10th, 1943, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

A number of telegrams and letters were read as follows:

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.
M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83), of Winnipeg, Man.
Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2.
R. W. Bro. E. A. Shaw (143), Jasper, Alta.
R. W. Bro. Oscar Hawthorn (97), Chauvin, Alta.

The Grand Master now called on His Honor, R. W. Bro. J. C. Bowen, Lieutenant Governor.

ADDRESS OF HIS HONOUR, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

"I am pleased to bring greetings to the Grand Lodge on behalf of His Majesty, whose representative I am in this Province, and to say that his interest in the Craft and the welfare of the Craft is untiring, and that we have reason to be very proud of the Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. I think all who heard his address last week felt that a great man was speaking to us, and that it was a message from a great heart.

"On my own behalf I bring you greetings, and say how glad I am to be here this morning. I just want to say a few words, having in mind the special ceremony you had at the opening of your Lodge. I think we would do well as Masons to emphasize the relationship of Masonry to the problems of reconstruction and rehabilitation after the war. There will be no greater problem facing any Nation than the problem of rehabilitating the men who have come back and especially in Canada the very great number who represent us in the Armed Services. It makes us feel very proud and we should thank Almighty God for what they have been able to accomplish. When they come back to us, we must be able to receive them.

"As a matter of fact, if we think of the history of Freemasonry, and think of what it does to build character, we might well think in our minds how we might interest men who come back to us in the various Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, and help them by every means we have in an objective way. We have something to offer them in the way of brotherhood and helping them get adjusted again into our civil lives. Citizenship and Masonry are terms that are equally meaningful, and every Mason should feel that we have a duty to perform. When we think of the history of the ancient Craft from which we come, and the great scientific skill they brought to all parts of the world where they travelled, the monuments they erected, and the influence they had on the public mind and on the course of history, it should encourage us, that in this time, when history is in the making, and the future course of Nations is being determined, that we of this Craft should have a great place, through our influence, through our character, and the things for which we stand as Masons, in determining the future course of the history of the World. We think of the great monuments and those great architectural structures which were erected by the ancient Masons, and the culture and influence which they had on the various Nations, and in particular, the number of Masons who are represented here this morning, how great has been their influence. What Masonry stands for is the dignity of the individual, the freedom of the individual and freedom of his property. All of those things are something we may make as a contribution in the future rebuilding of our world, and the spirit of our national life in days that are to come. I feel we should feel as members of this Craft that we owe it to our generation, we owe it to the course of history that is being unrolled, that our strength of character, the great scientific principles and the fine mysticism of our organization, leave their impress on the new generation and the generation that follows us.

"I am most delighted to be here this morning, and I do not want to delay you, but I do feel that this one word I have mentioned might be considered by you individually as something of the contribution that we may make in the reconstruction period, because we have something to give, and we will be the greater for having given it, and

the stronger and the better for having taken part as we may find opportunity in the days to come. I would be very pleased if your Grand Lodge would pass a formal resolution declaring its loyalty to the King and sincere good wishes to his family, and express appreciation for his fine leadership in this trying time. If you will send it to me, I will see that it is forwarded through the proper channels."

The Grand Master in reply said: "We can assure you that will be done. We can assure you also that you are making a very great contribution to the success of our meeting by the interesting and inspired address you have brought this morning, and which you have brought to many other similar gatherings in the past. I know the Brethren will all join me in extending to His Majesty, the King, our assurance of the loyalty of this Grand Lodge and of every Freemason in this Province, and I now ask you to stand and vote on this."

The Grand Master then called on M. W. Bro. Downey to bring greetings from the City of Edmonton..

CIVIC WELCOME BY ALDERMAN M. M. DOWNEY

M. W. Bro. Downey:

"When His Worship, Mayor John Fry, found that he would be in Montreal at this time, he asked me if I would represent him at this Communication, and I feel indeed highly honoured, and very humble at being the representative of His Worship. Your Communication appears to me as perhaps the largest Communication that we have had. One would almost expect in these trying times that there would be fewer. We welcome you here today at this sitting. I thought of what I might say today, and I looked over the Proceedings of the first Grand Lodge, which was held in the City of Edmonton, and I look around amongst this great gathering this morning to see who were present on that occasion in 1908, when you held your first Grand Communication in the City of Edmonton, and I see R. W. Bro. William Wilson of Innisfail Lodge, No. 8, and R. W. Bro. M. J. McLeod. I think that when you realize the great changes that have come over your Grand Body, the same changes have been made on a similar scale in the City of Edmonton. When that Grand Lodge was held in this City, we had something like a population of 16,000 or 18,000. We had 39 school teachers and about 1,600 school children. Today, before I came in, the Superintendent of Schools informed me we had not 39 but 565 school teachers and an enrollment of over 18,000 school children. We have increased to a population of 105,000 in Edmonton, and Edmonton has kept in step along with your Grand Organization. Last year, at this Grand Communication, you had a voting strength of 685, and in 1908 you had a voting strength of 171. You had 88 in attendance at that time, and as you make progress and increase in numbers and come to this City we are glad to have you with us, and I am sure Mayor Fry would welcome you in very warm terms, and in a different manner to your humble servant. I am not unmindful today of the distinguished visitors who have come from other Provinces. I have looked forward particularly to the visit of M. W. Bro. Branion of Saskatchewan. It was my great privilege to be associated with Bro. Branion in the City of Medicine Hat before he went to Saskatchewan. We welcome him along with his Grand Secretary. Then we welcome Dr. Brown from British Columbia. We also welcome R. W. Bro. Donovan from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and from the south of the Province, M. W. Bro. Coe of the Grand Lodge of

Montana, and no doubt as he goes along the streets he sees many of his American friends, and we feel sure he will feel quite at home in Edmonton. We also welcome our Representative to the Grand Lodge of New York, and this is probably a unique occasion. I asked Mayor Fry about the keys of the City, when he left. He said we would unlock the City for the Grand Lodge, and I will leave it in your charge. We are glad to have you here in Edmonton."

The Grand Master at the conclusion of M. W. Bro. Downey's address said: "I wish you would convey to His Worship, the Mayor, our thanks for the warmth of the welcome which you have brought here this morning."

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

M. W. Bro. Botterill (29) moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9).

"The Eleven Thousand Freemasons of the Province of Alberta, assembled in their Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication in the City of Edmonton, being deeply conscious of the bravery and devotion of the Members of the Armed Forces which have preserved our Throne and Empire, and also mindful of those who have made the supreme sacrifice that freedom may survive throughout the world, and of the devotion of the Armed Forces of the United Nations now engaged in the present world struggle;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we re-affirm our complete devotion to His Majesty the King, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and to the Cause of the United Nations everywhere, and hereby resolve to support them to the fullest extent, that the war may be brought to an early and victorious conclusion."

The Grand Master in accepting and presenting this Resolution received the enthusiastic acclaim of all present.

Grand Master's Address

My Dear Brethren:

It is with a heart filled with gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for His watchful care and guidance since we last met, that I welcome you to this 39th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta.

To welcome you to Edmonton, the Capitol of our Province, which has been my home for many years, where all my Masonic life has been spent, is for me a double pleasure.

This is the fifth Communication since the peace of the world was shattered by the outbreak of war. Each year has brought sorrow to many of our brethren by the loss of their loved ones. The flower of our manhood has gone forth to acquit themselves gloriously on the field of battle on land, on the sea, and in the air. Our admiration for their gallantry is unbounded. We salute the memory of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice in order that freedom shall not perish. Our sympathy is hereby extended to all those who have suffered the loss of loved ones.

I wish particularly to welcome those members who have not attended Grand Lodge before. We hope that you will enter into the discussions. We want you to feel that you are a vital part of Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

We are honored this morning by the presence of many distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. Some of these good Brethren have been with us on previous occasions. We are indeed happy to greet them and feel that their presence with us again is ample evidence that their previous visits were enjoyable to them. To those of you who are guests for the first time, we extend to you individually a most hearty welcome and sincerely trust that your visit with us will give you an enjoyment equal to the pleasure we have in having you with us.

During the next two days we shall have the pleasure of hearing from our distinguished guests and I am sure that each will bring a message of instruction and inspiration.

A year ago you conferred upon me the highest honor in Masonry and I now present to you a report of my work. I shall read those portions of most importance.

NECROLOGY

This Grand Lodge has suffered the loss of several members who have given many years valuable Masonic Service to their own Lodges and to Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Frank Barnhouse was called home on July 18, 1943, after a very short illness. Frank, as he was affectionately known by most of the brethren, had been chairman of Credential Committee many years, always discharging that duty to the entire satisfaction of Grand Lodge. He had been secretary of his own lodge, Edmonton, No. 7, for many years, and though he occupied a very responsible position with the City of Edmonton—that of City Treasurer—his interest in Masonry was never failing.

R. W. Bro. Dr. Connolly District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 9, of Stettler, passed away November 3, 1943. This dear brother had been an outstanding Mason and Secretary of Apollo Lodge, No. 27, for many years. He was elected D.D.G.M. at Calgary, June, 1943.

On February 9th, 1944, at Calgary, **M. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. Kerby** was called to the Grand Lodge Above, thus ending 42 years of ministry in Calgary, a Masonic career in which he filled every office leading to that of Grand Master, 1931-32. His was a life spent in the service of his fellow-man. M. W. Bro. Mitchell, in the March issue of the *Bulletin*, paid tribute in words most fitting:

*The work he did enriched all humankind,
And we shall miss him as the days pass by.
He gave unto the body, soul, and mind,
Those things that life alone can satisfy,
And in his passing he has left behind
An honored name and deeds that will not die.*

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT

Masonry in Alberta I am happy to report is very much alive. Larger number of applications for initiation have been received than since 1930, resulting in a net increase in membership of 128.

A factor of greater importance than numbers is the interest of our brethren in their lodges, which can be traced, we think, to our war effort in progress for the last four years. Our members take a justifiable pride in the good work that Masonry has accomplished, demonstrating we believe that Masons want your Grand Lodge to forward plans that will arouse and maintain their interest in work of assistance to mankind, they have not forgotten their profession of the N.E. angle.

There are a few lodges at isolated places, whose members are scattered over a wide area, who find difficulty in holding meetings, in one instance four meetings in the year with little new material available at present. However, we find the brothers determined to carry on in the hope that better conditions are in the making.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Seventeen District Meetings were attended by more members than for many years, perhaps setting an all time record. Only four lodges out of the one hundred and fifty were not represented. The

weather was all that could be desired, roads were good and we seem to have been fortunate in our arrangement of dates because in most cases the harvest had not started or was completed, all of which no doubt accounted in some measure for the good attendance. But the real credit for the large attendance and keen interest in these meetings belong to my District Deputies, who immediately they were installed started working with two prime objectives, first that every lodge in the district must be represented and secondly, that every member possible should be induced to be present. The success of their meeting is proof of their good work and incoming Deputies may well seek their advice.

My two predecessors were handicapped by not having in attendance at their District Meetings the Grand Secretary. I was much more fortunate. M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, our Grand Secretary, accompanied me at all seventeen meetings.

Owing to labor shortage both on the farms and in towns, some District Deputies decided to try holding the District Meeting in the evening, usually assembling the brethren at five p.m., at which time M. W. Bro. Moore gave the members an informal talk on lodge management, inviting questions, etc., which we found most valuable. This left the evening free for District business and we were able in most cases to complete same at a reasonable hour.

Our first meeting was as usual in District 13, the wonderful Peace River country, at Spirit River on July 21, 1944. We travelled by train. At High Prairie M. W. Bro. Sam Harris came aboard, from which time we were under his care and direction. At Spirit River we were welcomed by a delegation in charge of R. W. Bro. Fildes, D.D.G.M. The meeting that afternoon and evening was well attended by members from every lodge in the district.

Promptly at six a.m. the next morning the call of "Roll Out" was heard from M. W. Bro. Harris. "He thinks it is a crime for anyone to be in bed after six or before one." By eight we were fed and ready for the trail. R. W. Bro. J. K. Smith was friend guide and a very wonderful chauffeur. We were soon on our way to Dawson Creek, B.C. where the brethren of Peace Lodge had arranged a seven-course luncheon. This was all the more surprising as in Dawson at this time even one course was difficult to obtain. Later in the day we journeyed over the Alaska Highway to Fort St. John.

An emergent meeting of Peace Lodge had been called for that evening to officially welcome your Grand Lodge officers into the Jurisdiction of British Columbia. A large number of brethren were present including many from Grand Jurisdictions of the different states of the Union and different parts of Canada. To the brethren of Peace Lodge we take this opportunity to express the thanks of all members of our party.

July 25th we had the pleasure of driving to Grande Prairie, stopping en route at Mrs. Brainards for lunch and at Beaver Lodge experimental farm, where many interesting experiments were shown us by Mr. Albright. Bro. Newton, Master of Grande Prairie Lodge, No. 105, had arranged an emergent meeting which turned out to be in point of numbers almost more than could be accommodated. W. Bro.

Flight Lieut. Barrell flew from Edmonton for this meeting and gave us a real treat from his wide store of knowledge.

On the entire trip we were accompanied by R. W. Bro. David Patterson, Calgary; W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, W. Bro. Austin Grant, Bro. W. Van Dusen, Bro. B. Van Dusen, Unity No. 51; R. W. Bro. Alec Paton, D.D.G.M. District No. 12; R. W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Crane-Williams, M. W. Bro. Sam Harris and six brethren from Spirit River; all of whom are good speakers, so there was no shortage of oratory.

July 26th the party separated. The Edmonton brethren, who had come by car, returned the short way, while we were driven to Spirit River, where we reluctantly said farewell to those brethren who in four days had endeared themselves to us by ties never to be forgotten.

Our visits to all districts were made pleasant and enjoyable. Every attention was shown us by my District Deputies and the brethren. Indeed if time and space would allow we would like to tell you about each one.

Meeting of District No. 8 at Hillcrest. One of the most faithful members of this Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, was confined to bed with acute sciatica. Before leaving the next morning we called on him and found him quite cheerful.

District No. 16 Meeting at Drumheller and District No. 14, at Chinook. We had the pleasure of the company and advice of R. W. Bro. A. G. Bond, Junior G.W.

The brethren at all meetings demonstrated keen interest in proper management of their Lodge. They were anxious to make their good lodges better. Our Grand Secretary gave to these brethren of his advice and counsel to that end. We can assure you that District Meetings are of real interest and great benefit, especially to the brethren who are unable to attend Grand Lodge.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The office of District Deputy Grand Master is one of great importance and responsibility and should be filled only by competent, well informed Brethren, who are ready and willing to sacrifice their time and use their talent to further the best interest of the Lodges in their respective Districts and Masonry in general. He is the personal representative in his District of the Grand Master and as such he should keep in close touch with every Lodge under his care. He should acquaint himself with their conditions, assist them in their problems and render service that will promote their general welfare.

I feel that I have been most fortunate. I have been favored with a very efficient, hard working corps of District Deputies. At our installation I outlined to them the necessity of early visitations to create interest in their district meetings and to enable them to correct any irregularities. I am happy to say that most visits were completed in the fall and attendance at District Meetings was most satisfactory.

At this time I wish to acknowledge the splendid courtesy, consideration and attention my District Deputies have shown me in connection with my visitations in their districts. I extend to each one of them individually my sincere thanks for service well rendered.

MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND

At our last communication in Calgary you were unanimous in your desire to continue your Masonic War Distress Fund. R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming again consented to take the chairmanship of the Committee and I would like to extend to him my personal thanks for his good work.

During the year one donation has been made from this fund - \$5000.00 to the Navy League of Canada to complete the furnishing of the Merchant Officers' Club at Halifax. For particulars of this please read report by our Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, who had the opportunity to view the good use made of your money.

Particulars of collections this year and the present standing of the fund will be given you by the Grand Secretary.

That there will be many urgent needs for this fund in the near future no one can doubt. Grand Lodge officers of the future will be thankful that funds are immediately available and to all those brethren who have contributed, we say thank you.

"BULLETIN"

Most of us I am afraid have read and enjoyed our Grand Lodge *Bulletin* without giving much thought to the vast amount of work entailed. M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell has put a tremendous amount of time and energy into its preparation. I am glad to be able to say that the subscription list is increasing. Brethren far from Alberta advise us that our *Bulletin* is the best Masonic publication of its kind. However, M. W. Bro. Mitchell has plans for still further improvements which will continue to keep it out in front.

The cost of our *Bulletin* to Grand Lodge is very little, almost the total cost being borne by the small subscription rate charged. As this is the only means of Masonic education used by this Grand Lodge, I suggest that we should support the suggested improvements by budgeting \$200.00 or so much of that amount as is required, to cover the cost involved. We are fortunate indeed in having a Brother with such ability, who can and will give so much of his time. I wish to pay my tribute to him for that most valuable service.

OFFICIAL VISITS

My first official visit was to Unity Lodge, No. 51, my Mother Lodge, where I was made in 1910. This being the first occasion on which Unity No. 51 could receive one of its own members as Grand

Master, the Brethren made it a very special night. Ten Past Grand Masters and many D.D.G.M.'s graced the East. A large number of my own Brothers, with whom I have enjoyed working these many years, turned out to wish me well and pledge their support. The Unity Past Masters presented me with a house jacket and a card with signatures of the entire membership of the association. These are occasions in one's life never to be forgotten.

December 2nd Kenilworth Lodge at Red Deer had their annual moose supper, which was greatly enjoyed by myself, as R. W. Bro. Stewart Wood, D.D.G.M., of District No. 4, was making an official visit.

On December 7th I was fortunate in being able to visit Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, at Okotoks, in company with a number of brethren from Calgary, there to witness a splendid demonstration of work in the third degree.

It was my pleasure to attend and assist in the installation of officers at Saskatchewan, Empire, Unity, Commercial and Meridian.

On Friday evening, January 28th, Bow River Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A., held its most historic communication in Calgary to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary of Masonic Brotherhood. The large number of visitors present, the many messages of congratulations and good wishes all testified to the exalted position and the Masonic service Bow River Lodge has rendered to this Jurisdiction. On behalf of the members of this Grand Lodge I conveyed to the Master and Brethren of Bow River Lodge our warm congratulations on their sixty years of most valuable work.

Unity Lodge No. 51, February 15th, Masonic Temple, Edmonton. Over four hundred Brethren from eighty Lodges located in all parts of Canada, many States of the Union and Sister Jurisdiction of Australia and New Zealand, came to witness the work of the second degree being conferred by Brethren, all members of the R.C.M.P., in full dress uniform, who had assembled from many different parts of the Province to give of their talent in this most colorful ceremony. The meeting was honored by His Wor. the Lieut. Governor J. C. Bowen, who gave the Brethren a most encouraging message. Bro. Brig. Gen. Foster addressed the Brethren. His subject was "The Old and the New West."

June 28, 1943—Westlock Lodge, No. 114.....	Westlock
Dec. 16, 1943—Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92.....	Edmonton
Dec. 18, 1943—Empire Lodge, No. 63.....	Edmonton
Feb. 29, 1944—Patricia Lodge, No. 91.....	Edmonton
Mar. 14, 1944—Edmonton Lodge, No. 7.....	Edmonton
Mar. 15, 1944—Mountain View Lodge, No. 16.....	Olds
Mar. 16, 1944—Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142.....	Edmonton
Mar. 21, 1944—Palestine Lodge, No. 46.....	Tofield
April 8, 1944—Commercial Lodge, No. 81.....	Edmonton
April 13, 1944—Red Deer Lodge, No. 12.....	Red Deer
April 20, 1944—Edson Lodge, No. 68.....	Edson
May 3, 1944—Alliance Lodge, No. 135 (20th Anniversary) Alliance	
May 6, 1944—Concord Lodge, No. 124.....	Calgary
May 10, 1944—Grand Chapter (Annual Convention).....	Edmonton

May 12, 1944—Strathcona Lodge, No. 77.....	Edmonton
May 15, 1944—Empire Lodge, No. 63 (Empire Night).....	Edmonton
May 16, 1944—Irricana Lodge, No. 137.....	Irricana
May 25, 1944—Acacia Lodge, No. 124.....	Edmonton

WESTERN CONFERENCE

The third annual conference of principal officers of the four Western Jurisdictions was held in Banff, September 10th, 11th, 1943, to discuss problems common to all Grand Lodges and to exchange ideas, which can be best accomplished by personal contacts. M. W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master of Manitoba, was elected chairman and M. W. Bro. George Ellis, Past Grand Master of Alberta, was unanimously elected permanent secretary of the conference. The following Brethren were in attendance:

Grand Lodge of British Columbia—

M. W. Bro. Dr. J. G. Brown, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Wm. Menzies, Deputy Grand Master.
 M. W. Bro. F. S. McKee, Grand Secretary.
 M. W. Bro. W. P. Marchant, I.P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Manitoba—

M. W. Bro. Ben G. Parker, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. S. Burland, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Rev. P. Pilkey, Sr. Grand Warden.
 R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary.
 M. W. Bro. S. Fahrni, I.P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan—

M. W. Bro. S. J. Branion, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. J. C. Carter, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.
 R. W. Bro. Col. A. Garner, Grand Treas. (Guest).

Grand Lodge of Alberta—

M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, Grand Master.
 R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, Deputy Grand Master.
 M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary.
 M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, P.G.M.
 M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, Conference Secretary.

AGENDA OF THE THIRD ANNUAL INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Friday, September 10th, 1943—2:00 p.m.

1. *Call to Order.*
M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, P.G.M. of Alberta.
2. *Election of Officers.*
3. *Reading and Adopting the Minutes, 1942 Conference.*
4. *Selection of Next Place of Meeting.*
5. *Special Reports of Committees and Discussion.*
 - (a) R. W. Bro. Tate—
Movement of Members from one Jurisdiction to another.
 - (b) M. W. Bro. Parker—
Desirability of Interprovincial Meetings.
 - (c) Reports of Grand Masters or I.P.G.M.'s.
Dates of Annual Communications.

Evening Session—

Report re Post-War Youth Rehabilitation.

M. W. Bro. Bradley, Grand Master of Alberta.

Saturday, September 11th, 1943, -9:30 a.m.

1. *Freemasonry and Citizenship of Tomorrow.*
M. W. Bro. J. G. Brown, Grand Master of British Columbia.
2. *Free Masonry's Job in a World at War.*
 - (a) *The Present.*
R. W. Bro. J. C. Carter, D.G.M. of Saskatchewan.
 - (b) *Post War.*
R. W. Bro. S. Burland, D.G.M. of Manitoba.

Afternoon Session—2 p.m.—

Masonry's Secrecy and Publicity.

M. W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion, Grand Master of Saskatchewan.

FORUM—Opened by M. W. Bro. Ben C. Parker, Grand Master of Manitoba.

Suggested Topics—

1. Should steps be taken to make our Conference Dominion-wide with an Eastern and Western section.
2. How will Western Jurisdictions look on Life Membership being conferred on Canadians by a Grand Jurisdiction at a very low fee.

3. Is it necessary or expedient that request to confer degrees by courtesy of another Lodge should be forwarded through respective Grand Secretaries.

(a) as between duly warranted Lodges in the same Jurisdiction.

(b) as between duly warranted Lodges in different Grand Jurisdictions.

The Conference adjourned to meet again at Banff in September, 1944.

The benefits from these Conferences may easily be under-estimated as results may not be visible to many, but those who have had the opportunity to attend, agree that much is gained from personal contacts and Masonry in the West will be able to render greater service as a result.

I recommend that this Grand Lodge continue its support of this worth-while work. We are approaching the time when the joint effect will be most needed.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Saskatchewan Grand Lodge hold their Annual Communication the week following our own. It was my pleasure to attend that meeting, which was held in the comfortable Bessborough Hotel at Saskatoon under the able leadership of M. W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, at which time I was able to express to the Brethren of Saskatchewan our appreciation of the honor their Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Douglas Fraser and Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Robert Tate, had conferred on us by attending our communication.

The kindness of the Saskatchewan Brethren was more than ample and we were further honored by being made an Honorary Past Grand Master of their Grand Lodge.

I was fortunate in being in a position to accept the invitation of M. W. Bro. Louis Colson to attend the 92nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at St. Paul on January 19th and 20th, 1944, which proved to be a most delightful experience. I was able to observe the workings of a Grand Lodge much older than ourselves. The Brethren were kindness itself. I found the Brethren of Minnesota interested in Alberta, many of them have relatives in this Province.

Many invitations from other Grand Jurisdictions had to be regretfully declined.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

As recommended by M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith last Communication and accepted by this Grand Lodge, I appointed a committee to make certain revisions of the Constitution:

M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, No. 29, Red Deer, *Chairman*.
 M. W. Bro. Wm. Connacher, No. 9, Calgary.
 R. W. Bro. David Patterson, No. 83, Calgary.

To investigate the question of the retirement of the Grand Secretary at a definite age and the provision of a retiring allowance for him:

R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, No. 9, Calgary, *Chairman*.
 M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, High Prairie.
 M. W. Bro. A. West, No. 7, Edmonton.

These committees will report to this meeting.

GRAND MASTER'S COMMITTEE FOR WAR SERVICES

For four years and nine months the world has been in the grip of the most horrible war in history. Thousands of our brothers and their families have given their lives for freedom. As your Grand Master I visited all parts of the Province. I talked with a great number of our brethren, who told me of their sons and brothers fighting our battle in all parts of the world. While they are dying on battle fields we at home have not suffered but in many cases are better off than ever before. We are enjoying this privilege because they rushed to the colors in the defense of our cause.

With every privilege there is a corresponding responsibility. While we have enjoyed almost unlimited privileges we cannot escape the responsibility that is ours as Masons and citizens of a wonderful country. With the return of peace, and may it be soon, we as Masons must be ready to assume the responsibility of assisting our returning brothers and their sons.

In order to make preparation most lodges have furnished a complete list of names and full particulars of their members and the sons and daughters of their members serving in His Majesty's Forces. Many lodges have kept in contact with their members by correspondence and parcels. War Services Committees have been established by our lodges and I am pleased to advise you that Central Co-ordination Committees have been established in Calgary and Edmonton, who will make a thorough study of how best Masonry can assist those who have fought for our freedom.

Calgary Committee—

V. W. Bro. George Bureau, *Chairman*.
 R. W. Bro. Fred Parker.
 Bro. S. P. Bird.

Edmonton Committee—

R. W. Bro. R. J. Mackenzie, *Chairman*.
 W. Bro. W. Scott.
 V. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield.

These good brothers are all men eminently fitted for the work they have undertaken. Let us hope their health will enable them to carry through the great work they have undertaken.

DISPENSATIONS

I have issued a total of 122 dispensations during the year. The particulars will be found listed in the report of the Grand Secretary, all of which I assure you have been dispensed after due consideration and in the best interests of Masonry.

RULINGS

Many questions asked were answered by reference to the constitution.

One ruling was asked which I thought should be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence. They will report later.

APPOINTMENTS

On recommendation of their respective Grand Lodges the following appointments have been approved:

	<i>Representation</i>
W. Bro. George Newell.....	Alabama
W. Bro. Gordon A. Peacock.....	Arizona
W. Bro. Leonard O. Gould.....	New York

To fill vacancies I suggested the following as representatives near this Grand Lodge:

	<i>Representation</i>
R. W. Bro. Percy Cull.....	Tasmania
R. W. Bro. R. J. Gaunt.....	Rhode Island
V. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield.....	Nebraska
R. W. Bro. Hans Farvolden.....	Norway

APPRECIATION

For the enthusiastic, untiring, ever thoughtful help given me by so many officers of Grand Lodge I am most grateful. The work of our Grand Lodge is such that any Grand Master must have much assistance. I have enjoyed that assistance in a large measure for which I am truly thankful.

I would like to express my thanks to R. W. Bro. Drinnan, who kindly consented to act as D.D.G.M. for District No. 9. for the remainder of the term left vacant by the death of R. W. Bro. Dr. Connolly.

There are some to whom I must extend particular thanks. M. W. Bro. George Moore, our Grand Secretary, has given of his time and talent unstintingly. His kindly advice was always at my disposal. I shall always be in debt for the valuable assistance he gave me from his long experience in the work.

R. W. Bro. Ireland, Deputy Grand Master, acted on my behalf each time I was out of the Jurisdiction and accompanied us at several District Meetings; R. W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Crane-Williams, S.G.W., and R. W. Bro. A. G. Bond, J.G.W., have given much assistance, for which I wish to extend my thanks.

The Chairman of your Finance Committee, R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, and the President of the Board of Benevolence R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale, give a very great amount of their time to the work of this Grand Lodge, much more than most of us realize. To them and the members of their Committees I extend my personal thanks.

To the Brethren in every part of the Jurisdiction, who have at all times been ever ready to assist and have extended to me so many courtesies, I express my thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. J. Bradley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the text "Fraternally submitted,".

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), seconded by M. W. Pro. Sam Harris (88): "That the Grand Master's Address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address".

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 12:45 p.m.

First Day = = = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:20 p.m.

The M. W. the Grand Master enquired if there were any Nominations for Grand Master. It was reported there was one Nomination—R. W. Bro. William Ireland. The Grand Master then declared R. W. Bro. Ireland properly elected as Grand Master for the ensuing Masonic year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

It is a sacred privilege to pause at this time in our proceedings to pay tribute to the memory of our faithful brethren who have passed away since our last annual communication.

Death has taken her toll. Of this Grand Jurisdiction we have to record the death of 179 members. Some of these our brothers have won immortal fame in our Province and throughout our great Dominion. Others were not so well known; but all have made their contribution to the well-being of the craft and of our beloved country. We extend to their families and to their lodges our affection and fraternal sympathy.

They have gone from us, but they are still one with us. One in the great family of God.

*One family we dwell in Him
One Church above, beneath
Though now divided by the stream
The narrow stream of death.*

We should like to mention especially:

M. W. Bro. Rev. George W. Kerby, D.D., LL.D., who was Grand Master 1931-32.

Dr. Kerby was an outstanding citizen of our country and a man of many parts. In him learning, oratory and a saintly life were happily and productively combined. He was a pioneer in the field of education and a distinguished minister of the United Church of Canada. He

represented the Grand Lodge of Alberta at the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, July, 1939.

As one who knew Dr. Kerby intimately has written:

"In Masonry he was loved and respected as an active exponent of the finest philosophy of the craft and all that it stands for. His ever cheerful presence at Masonic gatherings, great and small, will be missed by his brethren. Dr. Kerby was the recipient of many honors—educational, civil and military—but of none was he more proudly conscious than that of being Grand Master of Masons."

He will ever live in the memory of his brethren.

R. W. Bro. Frank Barnhouse, who was Grand Registrar in 1934, and at the time of his death was Secretary of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, and Chairman of the Credentials and Reception Committee. Bro. Barnhouse had taken a great interest in Freemasonry over a period of many years. He was a regular attendant at Grand Lodge, and his counsel and advice were always at our disposal. He will be long and affectionately remembered as a good and faithful brother among us. In private life Bro. Barnhouse was City Treasurer of the City of Edmonton.

R. W. Bro. Charles F. Forckel, Corinthian Lodge No. 22, was D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 in 1939. Bro. Forckel was a native of Belgium and was engaged in farming. Was an active worker in all Community interests, and was ever ready where Masonry was concerned.

R. W. Bro. Dr. N. W. Connolly, Apollo Lodge No. 27. He was Grand Steward in 1942 and D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 in 1943, dying in harness on November 3rd, 1943. He was Secretary of his Lodge and a leader in his community.

R. W. Bro. W. C. Tallman, Ionic Lodge No. 45, was D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 in 1938.

R. W. Bro. William H. Grainger, of Acme Lodge, No. 60, was D.D.G.M. of District No. 15 in 1928. R. W. Bro. Grainger was a regular attendant at Grand Lodge for many years—was ever active in promoting the welfare of the Craft in District No. 15.

To our sister jurisdictions who have sustained loss through the death of members we also extend our fraternal sympathy.

Mention should be made of the death of **M. W. Bro. Charles Oscar Davidson**, the Senior Grand Master of Saskatchewan, who died on February 22, 1944, and **M. W. Bro. Don F. Kizer**, of the Grand Lodge of Washington, who died in harness on February 23, 1944, after a short illness of but ten days.

Fraternally submitted,

R. LITTLE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. R. Little (71), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Paterson (77): "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected Lodges and Grand Lodges."

The Grand Master announced: "It has been our custom at this time to receive the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters. These Reports have all been written, and will be printed in detail in the Proceedings, and if it pleases Grand Lodge, we are now going to excuse the District Deputy Grand Masters from making any report at this time." The Grand Lodge being in agreement, the Grand Master thanked the District Deputy Grand Masters for the good work they had done during the year.

REPORTS

of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, June 3rd, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have pleasure in submitting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 1 during my term of office.

Masonry in this District is in a very healthy condition and the prospects for the future are extremely bright. In a world which has been experiencing the horrors of war for the past four years, men are turning to those institutions which are built on a lasting foundation and are uninfluenced by the mutations of time, and Masonry is in an increasing degree filling that want. The number of degrees conferred show a marked increase over the previous year, and the ensuing twelve months will undoubtedly show a still further improvement. Liquid assets of the Lodges show an increase of about \$5,000.00, and liabilities a decrease of about \$9,000.00 -while the total assets of the Lodges in the District over liabilities stands at approximately \$150,000.00.

I had the pleasure of visiting each Lodge in the jurisdiction at least once officially, and visited many of the Lodges on other occasions. The warm reception accorded me as your representative convinced me of the loyalty of the Lodges in this District to you, M. W. Sir, and to the Grand Lodge.

Without derogating from the splendid work being done by each of the Lodges in the District, I wish to draw attention to the achievements of two of the Lodges during my term of office.

In Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, the indebtedness of that Lodge amounted to over \$14,000.00 of outstanding bonds. One of the bre-

thren of the Lodge, the now deceased W. Bro. William Warren, who had on previous occasions donated to the Lodge bonds held by him, made a proposal to the Lodge that if the members would donate \$5,000.00 in bonds or cash, he would wipe out the bonds held by him, amounting to \$3,300.00, and would loan the Lodge \$6,100.00, payable in small annual instalments without interest. A committee took charge of the matter and complied with the conditions mentioned. As a result the Lodge indebtedness now stands at a sum of \$6,000.00 and the financial position is now such that the Lodge can easily take care of it. The action of the brethren has resulted in putting the Lodge in a much better position in every way.

King Solomon Lodge No. 41, of Cochrane, has, during my year, been engaged in a very praiseworthy piece of community war work inasmuch as the Lodge has, from time to time, sent cigarettes to each one of the men who has left the District on military service, regardless of any Masonic affiliation—the expense being borne by individual members of the Lodge and by the Lodge as a whole. It is also noted that degrees are being conferred on six candidates of this Lodge at the present time, and of these candidates three belong to the same family.

A feature of the work which has appealed to me during my term of office is the number of brethren in rural centres who have been admitted to the rights and privileges of Masonry, who immigrated to Canada from foreign countries. I know of no institution which can exert a greater influence in Canadianizing those who come from foreign countries than Masonry can exert, and this is a factor which should not be lost sight of as we plan our work for the future.

My year of office has entailed some labor and effort but speaking personally, I have benefitted from the experience and have had a great deal of pleasure in carrying out the duties of my office. I wish to take this opportunity of again thanking my brethren of District No. 1 for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to the position.

It has been a great pleasure to me to be associated with you, M. W. Sir, during your year of office and I trust that down through the future years you will be permitted to look back with pride and satisfaction on what has been accomplished during the Masonic year now being brought to a close.

I would be very remiss in my obligation if I failed to make reference to the splendid work and assistance which has been done by W. Bro. P. E. Jordan, as the District Secretary. He has very ungrudgingly given of his time and talents in the carrying out of the work.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN J. PETRIE,

D.F.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Medicine Hat, May 12th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 2 for the year 1943 and 1944.

It has been the uppermost thought in my mind during my term of office to devote more attention to the smaller Lodges. The shortage of gasoline and rubber curtailed and restricted the program drawn up at the beginning of my term.

The official visits were made as follows:

Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2—December 14, 1943.
Mizpah Lodge, No. 35—December 21, 1943.
Bassano Lodge, No. 55—November 9, 1943.
Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57—September 9, 1943.
Bow Island Lodge, No. 64—September 21, 1943.
Quarry Lodge, No. 70—October 5, 1943.
Brooks Lodge, No. 73—October 19, 1943.
Manyberries Lodge, No. 133—July 16, 1943.

The first visit was made to Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, on June 24th, that being the installation of officers, which was conducted in a very able manner by Wor. Bro. E. Bennett. This visit was unofficial, as there was not time to have it spread on the notice. Arrangements were made to have the official visit July 16th, the candidate was unable to attend owing to circumstances over which he had no control. A rather unique item of interest is the fact that the members travelled over 1600 miles to attend this meeting.

Where the members show such interest, further comment to the interest displayed by Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, is unnecessary.

On September 9th I visited Grassy Lake Lodge, No. 57. There was no work but the business was handled in a very able and efficient manner by the officers. At a later date the District Secretary accompanied me to Grassy Lake.

On September 21st I paid an official visit to Bow Island Lodge, No. 64, accompanied by the District Secretary and two other members of Medicine Hat Lodges.

I was invited to visit Bow Island Lodge on November 16th for the opening of their new hall. It was decided not to have the hall dedicated, but just officially declared open for Masonic purposes. Bow Island Lodge deserves great credit for the fellowship and effort put forth, the building was purchased along with material necessary for the alterations, each member gave his time, ability and untiring effort with the result they have a very fine Lodge Room. The small debt is covered by a loan from the bank backed by Dominion Government Bonds, owned by the Lodge, as security.

Quarry Lodge, No. 70, was the next official visit on October 6th. Owing to the geographical position of Quarry Lodge it was the only opportunity to visit in any numbers. We chartered a bus which took 35 members, as well as three or four private cars and we had a wonderful turn out. At this meeting were represented the R.C.A.F., R.A.F., Royal Navy, Infantry, and Air Cadets, this was the first time in the history of Quarry Lodge that all these branches of the service were represented at one meeting. Prospects are very good for the future of Quarry Lodge, No. 70.

On October 19th we visited Brooks Lodge No. 73, where the usual royal welcome greeted the District Deputy Grand Master. This Lodge is among the strongest in the district and would function and prosper regardless of whether there was or was not a District Deputy Grand Master.

On November 19th I visited Bassano Lodge, No. 55, but as Bassano is 100 miles from Medicine Hat it was impossible for any of the members to accompany me on this trip. The Lodge is in good hands and while there are not many candidates owing to the war they had an increase of two members during the year.

On December 14th I visited Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2; this was the election of officers and no work was exemplified. At this meeting as well as at many others throughout the year a goodly number visited from Mizpah Lodge, No. 35. Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 is the largest Lodge in the district and therefore, in a position to carry on without aid or instruction from the District Deputy Grand Master.

The Wor. Master shortly after installation was called to the Armed Forces and the Past Masters have been filling in and really doing a wonderful job in his absence.

The last official visit was my own Lodge, Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, on December 21st. This is the second largest Lodge in the district and will carry on successfully with little or no attention from Grand Lodge or its Officers.

On all my official visits I examined the books and records of the Lodge and while a few minor changes could be made, the books and records are all well kept and the secretaries are carrying out their duties in a manner which is all that can be desired.

The liabilities of the district was \$1,656.42 and the assets \$16,873.23, but in many instances the liabilities of the Lodges are dues and fees paid in advance, which is really wrong to be shown under the heading of General Liabilities. Taken as a whole the district is in a flourishing condition from a Masonic standpoint, having shown an increase of eleven during the year. There have been nineteen Entered Apprentice Degrees conferred, twenty-two Fellow Craft, twenty-two Master Mason, four Affiliations, three reinstatements, four demitted, no suspensions, and fifteen deaths. Eleven official visits of the District Deputy Grand Master have been made. There are one hundred and eleven members in arrears with a total of \$828.99.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual district meeting was held at Medicine Hat in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, November 3rd, 1943, with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother George

Moore the Grand Secretary, and a goodly number of Past Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. The Lodges in the district were fairly well represented. After the regular business had been completed Most Worshipful Brother R. J. Bradley requested the retiring District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother H. O. Parkes, to approach the East when he presented the Past District Deputy Grand Master's jewel on behalf of District No. 2.

At 3:20 p.m. a recess was called to allow the brethren to meet the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers and also receive written nominations for the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1944-45, these were placed on the secretary's desk. Wor. Bro. H. Hargrave of Manyberries Lodge, No. 133, was found to have the majority of votes and declared elected District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1944-45.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Most Worshipful Brother George Moore addressed the meeting which completed the afternoon session. The evening session consisted of a banquet in the Masonic Hall which opened at 7 o'clock. The principal item of the evening was the address by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who was introduced by Right Worshipful Brother MacAdam of Brooks Lodge, No. 73. The Grand Master soon commanded the undivided attention of everyone present when he presented a real man to man talk which made a profound impression on everyone present.

The Past District Deputy Grand Masters found it difficult to make their official visits due to the fact that three Lodges in the District met on the third Tuesday and two Lodges met on the second Tuesday. We have been successful in altering this to a great extent inasmuch as Bow Island and Bassano have changed their night of meeting and now only Brooks Lodge and Mizpah Lodge meet on the third Tuesday. This will facilitate the arrangement of official visits for the future District Deputy Grand Masters.

My secretary, Bro. Noble, of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, has been most faithful and efficient during the whole year. As a District Secretary Bro. Noble is everything to be desired.

In conclusion, let me express to the membership if District No. 2 my sincere appreciation for the privilege of prerepresenting them as District Deputy Grand Master and to you Most Worshipful the Grand Master my thanks for confirming same.

I am indeed grateful to the Past Grand Lodge Officers, the members of the different lodges in the District who accompanied me on my official visits, their fellowship and support have been instrumental in making the past year an outstanding one for District No. 2.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. FINCH,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, April 30th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is my honor and privilege to submit my report as your deputy for District No. 3 for the Masonic year now drawing to a close. I wish to express my appreciation to the brethren of the District for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to this high office; to you, M. W. Sir, for the kindly advice and assistance you have given me, and also to other members of Grand Lodge for their support and assistance.

It has been particularly gratifying to have occupied this position during your year of office in view of the fact that we are both members of the same Mother Lodge. Early in the year I completed a round of official visits to all the Lodges in the District and needless to say, I was accorded a very cordial and hearty reception on all occasions. Just here, I wish to express thanks to the many members of my own and other lodges for their loyal support in accompanying me on these visits. I have also made several unofficial visits particularly in the City and my one regret is that, due to travel restrictions I have not been able to visit the outlying lodges more often.

On all but two of my visits, degrees were conferred and I was impressed by the fact that there was a definite effort on the part of the officers and others taking part to properly interpret the import of the Work to the candidates rather than their ability to merely memorize the words.

The statistical part of this report shows that there has been an increase in membership during the year. This I think is gratifying in spite of the fact that so many of our young men are away on active service. Those who have been received into membership have been men of a particularly fine type and have shown keen interest in the degrees and evidence that they were attracted to Masonry from a sincere wish to render service to their fellow men.

Our District Meeting was held in the Temple at Edmonton on October 20th and was well attended. This was probably the best attended and most interesting District Meeting that No. 3 has had for some years.

This is not said in a boastful way but rather as an evidence of renewed interest in Masonry. One reason for the success of the meeting I am sure, was the informal Open Forum in the afternoon which was well attended and in which the members took a keen interest.

Two observations I regret to have to make in connection with my work; first, the large number of absentee members and second, the small percentage of attendance.

With regard to the first, I wonder if it wouldn't be better if more brethren would take their dimits and join up at their new place of

residence; with regard to the second, while regular attendance is most desirable, yet after all, isn't the main thing the practice in the everyday affairs of life the principles inculcated in the Lodge? Masonry by its very nature cannot do the spectacular thing but on the other hand, a careful examination of those bodies both in the urban and rural areas that are doing the more apparent work, reveals the fact that Masonry constitutes the very heart and soul of them.

I cannot close this report without reference to my visit to Edson and Jasper Park Lodges. On October 27th and 28th. The Edson members were kind enough to arrange their Emergent so that I could take in the two Lodges in one trip. Bro. Walter Perley of Star of the West furnished the car and gasoline; R. W. Bros. Ennis, Thomson and Booth made up the party and nature provided three glorious days of autumn sunshine. I can never forget the two excellent meetings we had on Thursday and Friday nor the inspiring views of the mountains. One would be slow of heart indeed, to fail to be impressed by those towering peaks—symbolic of the unchanging and eternal principles on which our Order is founded.

The storms rage in the mountains but always the sunshine returns to crown the peaks. Down through the ages to the present terrible conflict, might has striven to overthrow right but always the right prevails and the practice of those virtues on which our Order is based will bring about the day when men shall "make straight in the desert a Highway of our GOD.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. F. EMPEY,
D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3.

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FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Innisfail, April 28th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report, as your representative in Masonic District No. 4, for the year 1943-44.

I would first, Most Worshipful Sir, like to thank you for your kind advice and helpful instructions in carrying out the duties of my office.

I would also like to express, to all Brethren of District No. 4, my sincere appreciation of the honor they conferred upon me, in electing me as your representative in District No. 4, and also to thank them for their kindness and co-operation on all my official visits.

DISTRICT MEETING

The district meeting was held in Bowden on Wednesday, September 15, 1943.

The officers of Bowden Lodge No. 42, occupied the chairs, with Wor. Bro. W. D. Snideman in the East, who called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. The D.D.G.M. was officially received and after proceeding to the East, opened the meeting in prescribed form. The M. W. Grand Master and accompanying officers were then introduced by P.D.D.G.M.'s R. W. Bros. Kirby and Taylor and received with Grand Honors. After accepting the gavel, the M. W. Grand Master, thanked the brethren for his reception and requested the D.D.G.M. to carry on with the business. The minutes of the 1942 meeting were then read and confirmed. The afternoon session was well attended and we had an even better turnout at the banquet and at the evening meeting. This, in spite of the busy season, shows a real interest in Masonry in District No. 4.

It was a great pleasure, M. W. Sir, to welcome you to our District Meeting, and to listen to your inspiring address. We were fortunate also in having R. W. Bro. Ireland, D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Bond, J.G. Warden, and M. W. Bro. Moore, Grand Secretary, with us, who each added much to the success of the meeting.

I wish also to thank R. W. Bro. Petrie of District No. 1, and R. W. Bro. Empey of District No. 3, for bringing greetings from their respective Districts. We will be glad to welcome them again.

I am sure we all enjoyed the address by R. W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond, for which I extend my personal thanks and also on behalf of all the brethren.

The representatives of the several lodges in our district made their regular reports, showing individual lodge conditions, and together they gave the picture of progress being made, in spite of trying times. Nominations for D.D.G.M. for the year 1944-1945 resulted in V. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell being elected (subject to the approval of the Grand Master). The next District Meeting will be held in the city of Red Deer.

To all Grand Lodge officers, P.D.D.G.M.'s, lodge officers and members who were present at the District Meeting, I extend my sincere appreciation and I assure you that if the interest shown there is continued in their respective lodges, masonry will continue to prosper.

I was very fortunate also, in being able to attend the District Meetings of District No. 15 at Trochu, August 31, 1943, and of District No. 1, at Calgary on November 6, 1943. For the privilege of meeting with them and enjoying their generous hospitality I extend my thanks.

VISITS

The following are the dates of my official visits:

Lochearn Lodge No. 151—September 9, 1943.
King Hiram Lodge, No. 21—October 12, 1943.
Kitchener Lodge, No. 95—November 2, 1943.
Eureka Lodge, No. 10—November 3, 1943.

Britannia Lodge, No. 18—November 4, 1943.
Red Deer Lodge, No. 12—November 9, 1943.
Carstairs Lodge, No. 20—November 11, 1943.
Innisfail Lodge, No. 8—November 18, 1943.
Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29—December 2, 1943.
Mountain View Lodge, No. 16—December 6, 1943.
Bowden Lodge, No. 42—December 14, 1943.

I visited each lodge once officially and many of them unofficially during the year.

To the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of each lodge I wish to express my sincere thanks for their co-operation and helpful assistance at all times; also to R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, who again acted as District Secretary, I extend my sincere thanks for the helpful information and timely advice, as well as for accompanying me on many occasions.

I gave the following papers: (1) The Apron; (2) The Ballot; (3) A Few Thoughts on the Fellow Craft Degree; and (4) The Origin and Antiquity of Masonry; during my official visits. All were well received and seemed to fill a need for more Masonic Study and Education. I would urge upon all lodges that they give more time to increasing their study of Masonic teaching and history. "Knowledge Brings Us Light" and fits us for Better Service to our Lodges, our Brethren, and to the community in which we live. Let us prepare and equip ourselves now, to help our brethren in the Armed Forces, and to assist them in their rehabilitation after this terrible war is over.

All the lodges are active and a real spirit of interest and progress prevails. The lodges who had degree work deserve credit for the way in which the degrees were conferred.

My thanks to the many Past Masters who continue to give freely of their time and experience in assisting and instructing the officers and younger members of the craft.

There has been a marked increase in membership in District No. 4. A net increase of 20 in the year 1943, and twelve initiations up to the present time in 1944.

I congratulate the lodges on their progress, but would remind them that we are builders, not of a material edifice, but of a Temple more glorious than that of Solomon, and to guard well the material for the Temple.

We were indeed fortunate in District No. 4 in having you, Most Worshipful Sir, visit with us on three occasions—the District Meeting at Bowden on September 15, 1943; at Olds on March 15, 1944, and at Red Deer April 13, 1944. On behalf of the brethren of District No. 4 I thank you, M. W. Grand Master, for your visits with us, and for the inspiring message you brought to us on each occasion.

In closing, I wish to thank those brethren who have helped by their presence on my several trips, more especially to W. Bro. R. Anderson, W. Bro. Sannis and Bro. A. Lausen, of Bowden Lodge, who piloted me on three occasions.

It has been a privilege, Most Worshipful Sir, to act as your Deputy during the past year and I trust the experience gained will prove

of value to me in the years to come, and to the lodges in District No. 4, I hope my labors have not been in vain.

To my successor, V. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell, I wish every success, and I hope that his year in office will prove as pleasant and profitable to him as the past year has been to me.

Faternally submitted,

STEWART E. WOOD,
D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

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FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Camrose, April 13, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report as your District Deputy for the Fifth Masonic District for the term 1943-1944.

Acting on your instructions, M. W. Sir, to visit all lodges in my District before the end of the year I planned accordingly and was successful, although I did find that the harvest season, in some cases, curtailed attendance. I was most hospitably received in every Lodge. There is a splendid Masonic spirit among the brethren in this District and while some of the Lodges are handicapped by a small resident membership this handicap is very largely overcome by the enthusiasm of those members who live close enough to attend. In a number of the Lodges the membership is composed of a very high percentage of farmers who attend regularly in spite of weather conditions. As is to be expected, the war situation has aggravated this attendance problem. Removals from some districts is also a contributing factor in this connection. In all cases, however, I urged the brethren to carry on, suggesting that the maintaining of our local worth-while institutions is one of our "home front" jobs until the boys in the services return.

I also urged the brethren to support our Masonic War Distress Fund again this year and emphasized the good work of the "Bulletin" and suggested that it be used more often in open lodge as well as at refreshment periods. But above all I stressed that our members do everything in their power to further war efforts in their districts, both as individuals and as an organization. I am pleased to report, M. W. Sir, that I found in this connection that in every lodge in this jurisdiction our members were taking a prominent part in the war effort. Indeed in many cases our members, I found, were the leaders in their communities in this regard.

All lodges in the jurisdiction are financially sound. In anticipation of very little degree work I suggested in my remarks to the lodges

that they endeavor to make their meetings interesting in various ways. However, I am pleased to report that recently practically every lodge has had degree work—in some cases the first for some considerable time. The net increase in membership for the year is five but it seems reasonable to expect a better report in this regard next year.

Following are the dates of my official visits:

Provost Lodge, No. 61—July 14, 1943.
Morning Star Lodge, No. 79—July 15, 1943.
Forestburg Lodge, No. 128—July 28, 1943.
Efficiency Lodge, No. 141—October 4, 1943.
Tuscan Lodge, No. 43—October 6, 1943.
Comet Lodge, No. 50—October 15, 1943.
Melrose Lodge, No. 62—October 21, 1943.
Alliance Lodge, No. 135—November 4, 1943.
Harmony Lodge, No. 75—November 8, 1943.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 80—December 2, 1943.
Camrose Lodge, No. 37—December 9, 1943.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Camrose, on Tuesday, August 24th, and we had the pleasure, M. W. Sir, of your attendance together with our Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, accompanied by a number of brethren from Edmonton. The late afternoon session called for Masters and Secretaries of all Lodges to meet with the Grand Lodge officers for discussion of problems peculiar to their offices proved a very profitable period. This was followed by dinner. The District Meeting was officially opened at 8:00 p.m. and the usual routine of receptions and reports followed.

The high light of the meeting was the splendid address you gave the brethren, M. W. Sir. The brethren truly appreciated your timely remarks and your kind words of encouragement. The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. McCool and other visitors also addressed the meeting. W. Bro. Wm. Smith, of Forestburg Lodge, was elected D.D.G.M. for the term 1944-1945 subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master, and the invitation of Forestburg Lodge to hold the next District Meeting at Forestburg was accepted. Every lodge in the district was represented and the attendance was the largest for some years.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the officers and members of all lodges in the district for the kind co-operation extended to me during my term of office. I am especially grateful to the members of my own lodge who accompanied me on many of my official visits. I also wish to thank the brethren of the district for the confidence shown in me when they elected me as their District Deputy at the Sedgewick meeting in August of 1942, and to you, M. W. Sir, for confirming that election. I have enjoyed the work very much and will ever remember old acquaintances renewed and new friendships made throughout the District. And to my successor, W. Bro. Smith, I wish every success and bespeak for him the kind consideration of the brethren of the district so generously extended to me.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN T. JOHNSON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Nanton, April 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

In reporting on the condition of Lodges in District No. 6, I may say that, with the exception of two, the outlook is good. All Lodges are in good financial condition, and all but two own their Lodge Rooms, which are covered by insurance.

The Officers attend regularly and any Work demonstrated was very good. The attendance was very good, and Grand Lodge *Bulletins* are used to some extent. There is plenty of room for improvement in this direction.

All cases of distress have been taken care of, and parcels and cigarettes have been sent to the members overseas. The sick are regularly visited in hospitals, and I would recommend that the lodges in the district advise each other of sickness in their respective towns, in order that more visitation could be carried out.

I visited the lodges on the following dates:

Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, Okotoks—December 7th, 1943. This was Past Masters' Night and the Third Degree was exemplified. The work was splendidly done. I found the records well kept. There has been an increase in membership of 7, with decreases of 1 death and 3 suspensions.

Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, High River—November 18th, 1943. The Master Mason Degree was conferred in a very able manner by the regular officers. Increase in membership 6, decrease 7.

Nanton Lodge, No. 17, Nanton—October 14th, 1943. The officers of this lodge are conversant with their duties. The records show an increase of 4, and a decrease of 1.

Stavely Lodge, No. 33, Stavely—October 5th, 1943. This lodge has had no work during the past year. The membership remains the same.

■ **Cairo Lodge, No. 32, Claresholm**—October 19th, 1943. The E. A. Degree was exemplified in first class fashion by the regular officers, and 5 Entered Apprentices were initiated. It being the Thirtieth Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone by M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, of Calgary, M. W. Bro. Macdonald had been invited down for the evening, and gave a very interesting address.

Joppa Lodge, No. 40, Granum—May 11th, 1944. No Work was done during the past year, and no change in the membership.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held on November 5th, 1943, and was well attended. In the absence of R. W. Bro. Stanley, District

Secretary, R. W. Bro. Casteel of Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, acted in his stead. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley, and the Grand Secretary were present, and the Grand Master gave a very interesting and instructive address. A unique event at this meeting was the visit of Bro. Mathewson from Chungking, Lodge, China, who gave a most interesting address on the Japanese taking of Chungking, which was illustrated by slides and moving pictures. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

The election for the new D.D.G.M. was held, resulting in the election of Wor. Bro. William Fisher, of Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, Okotoks.

I may say I enjoyed my term of office very much.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. ALLAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, April 28th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to report to you my stewardship as your representative in District No. 7 during a year in which war restrictions continue to retard Masonic activity to some extent.

It is gratifying, however, to note that greater interest is being manifested among the officers and active members of the several lodges regarding the contribution Masonry can make towards improving conditions in the post war era, and although that interest may not have passed the stage of expressing opinions, yet it at least indicates the brethren are vitally concerned about the future state of world society.

Although there has been a total decrease of 7 amongst the eleven lodges of the District made up of 22 new members, 6 restorations and 5 affiliations a total of 33 additions, less losses by death of 16, by dismissions 21 and only 3 suspensions a total of 40 deductions, it does not indicate lack of interest in the Craft.

The pleasing thing is that the suspensions are so few, while losses by death are unavoidable and the majority of dismissions were by members removed from the District and no doubt desiring to affiliate elsewhere. The year 1944 seems likely to be the opposite as there are approximately as many applications for membership at the end of April as for the whole of last year.

Two lodges own their own buildings, while the four city lodges

have an equity in the hall in which they meet, the stockholders of the operating company being Masons only.

The financial condition of the lodges is reasonably favorable, liabilities being small and negligible and chiefly covering initiation fees and dues paid in advance. All lodges have funds in banks and many have also invested in Government bonds. The drain on lodge funds for benevolence has been light and confined to a few lodges.

The officers of all lodges appear to be interested in their duties as evidenced by the excellent standard of work being done.

The Masters are striving to make the meetings attractive by handling the business efficiently and exemplifying the ritualistic ceremonies impressively while the period of refreshment is arranged to develop a real fellowship.

Many lodges have films and community singing for entertainment and encourage vocational talks and occasionally a guest speaker is invited to present some subject of interest. Short plays and sketches are again being introduced in connection with Masonic teachings all of which is of educational value.

Fraternal visits by lodges are again more frequent and are not confined to the city lodges, but several lodges regardless of distance have paid fraternal visits to, and also conferred degrees in other lodges.

I find that while the *Bulletin* is not widely discussed or considered regularly in the lodges, yet the majority of the members have the opportunity of reading the articles, as sufficient copies are procured by each lodge for reasonable distribution. Items of special interest are brought to the attention of the brethren by some members usually on the Educational Committee of the lodge.

Whenever it is known that need exists among the brethren it is attended to in the true Masonic spirit and to the full ability of the funds to meet it.

The necessity for financial assistance in this district has not been extensive, yet some lodges have been called upon to materially assist members' families in distress and about \$500.00 has been expended in benevolence.

Sick and visiting committees are functioning and the brethren in general are ever willing to call upon sick members when aware of illness and visiting is permitted. In the city a committee representative of the four lodges endeavors to keep in touch with brethren from other lodges confined to the hospitals and are trying to improve upon the present system of obtaining information of Masons entering for medical attention. This committee also handles the cases of transient Masons applying for help.

The privilege of installing the Worshipful Masters and officers of Diamond City and Sharon Lodges at a Joint Installation Ceremony in Diamond City Lodge in June, 1943, and of the four city lodges at a Joint Installation in the Masonic Hall, Lethbridge, in December, 1943, was appreciated and it was a great pleasure to be assisted on these occasions by Past Grand Officers and Past Masters and supported by an excellent attendance of the membership.

At the District Meeting held on October 6th there was a full representation of the eleven lodges with 116 members present. Members of eight other Alberta lodges, three Saskatchewan lodges, one British Columbia lodge, one Quebec lodge, and one Australian lodge, were also in attendance making a total of twenty-five lodges representing five Grand Lodges.

Thirteen Past District Deputy Grand Masters of District No. 7 were numbered among approximately 150 brethren assembled to meet and welcome you, Most Worshipful Sir, and to hear your instructive and encouraging address. We were also pleased to receive with you Most Worshipful Brother George Moore, Grand Secretary, and Right Worshipful Brother D. Patterson, Past Grand Junior Warden, whose remarks were also very helpful.

One of the principle features of the evening session was the escorting of the Flag to the East by uniformed member serving in the Forces, and the roll call of 35 members and 138 dependents of members who were known to be in the three Services defending our freedom and liberty. A stirring and touching tribute was paid to those who in the last great war and in this conflict had given their lives for the principles of truth and right and for the defence and preservation of our country and Empire, by Very Worshipful Brother Brig. General J. S. Stewart, C.M.G., D.S.O., which will long be remembered by all who heard him.

Wor. Bro. H. Walter, of Chief Mountain Lodge, No. 58, Cardston, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing Masonic year, subject to your approval. The choice of Lethbridge as the place to hold the next District Meeting was unanimously approved.

Through the kindness and co-operation of Bro. J. J. Jones, Junior Warden of my own lodge, and W. Bro. H. C. Kent, Worshipful Master of North Star, who generously arranged transportation for me and those accompanying me, I was able to officially visit all eleven lodges in the District once before Christmas and seven of them a second time this year, and only distance and scarcity of gasoline prevented my visiting the remaining four.

I appreciate the support given me on these visits by P.D.D.G.M.'s and other brethren.

A slight dispute arose in one of the lodges over the delay in raising a candidate, in which was injected domestic troubles and rumors as to the propriety of his acts, but happily through your advice and guidance a satisfactory solution was reached.

I was happy to attend the initiation, passing, and raising of a Pilot Officer, whom I had seen grow up from boyhood, and to witness his being obligated by his father, a Past Master of the lodge, and his raising by his uncle, a P.D.D.G.M. of this District. All are members of York Lodge.

Dispensation was obtained by North Star Lodge to attend Divine Service on Sunday, April 16th, in full regalia and an invitation to other lodges in the District to join them resulted in an excellent representation of the Craft publicly manifesting their belief in religious truth.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the calling to the Grand Lodge Above of R. W. Brother J. James, who was loved and

revered by all who knew him intimately and from whom I received much advice and counsel. In his passing the District and the Craft have lost a true Brother Mason and Diamond City Lodge a valued member.

My appreciation of valued services generously rendered is extended to W. Bro. Wm. Edwards, Secretary of North Star Lodge, who acted so capably as District Secretary.

It has been my sincere endeavor to express the truths of our great and time honored Institution, as they have appealed to me through its ritualistic ceremonies, to the best of my ability and when opportunity offered; to impress upon the brethren that we have responsibilities as well as privileges and if we would have the Craft maintain its ancient and honorable reputation we must measure up to our obligations.

I trust I may have in some small degree fulfilled the duties expected of me to your satisfaction and, thank you Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren of District No. 7 for the opportunity afforded of serving as D.D.G.M. for the year ending June, 1944.

Fraternally submitted

PERCY CULL,

D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bellevue, April 28th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you my Report as your District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8.

District No. 8 is composed of only six lodges, and although the travel, owing to gas restrictions, has been limited, and I have only been able to visit each lodge in my official capacity once, it has indeed been a great pleasure to me, and I sincerely thank the brethren of District No. 8 for the confidence they placed in me for this task, and trust that I have served them to their satisfaction.

Our Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Hillcrest, my home lodge, on the evening of October 5th, 1943, and was something different to what we have had in previous years—that is, we only had the one session, and that was in the evening, instead of afternoon and evening as in previous years. We had a banquet in the I.O.O.F. Hall at Bellevue at 6 p.m., which was well attended, and was catered to by the ladies of the Eastern Star in their usual efficient manner. Before the banquet the Grand Lodge officers met the officers of the different lodges in the District for a short brotherly talk which

was much appreciated by those present. The meeting in the evening opened on the appointed time with the brethren in their places and the business of the District was conducted in an orderly manner and was concluded at 10:40. During the meeting V. W. Brother J. Emmerson, of Summit Lodge, No. 20, was elected as District Deputy Grand Master for the term 1944 and 1945. R. W. Brother J. R. McLeod was presented with his regalia. He thanked the brethren of District No. 8 for the splendid manner he had been assisted on his visits. The address of the Grand Master was both instructive and inspiring, as was also the address of the Grand Secretary.

I was present at the annual Joint Installation of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26, and Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 87. This Joint Installation has been carried on for a number of years and is looked forward to by all the brethren of the two lodges.

At this time I would like to thank the brethren of the District for the cordial manner in which I was received and entertained on all my visits, and I would like to make special mention of W. Bro. F. W. Hallworth, sitting Master of Sentinel Lodge, who accompanied me on all my visits, both socially and in my official capacity as District Deputy Grand Master.

I visited Spitzie Lodge, No. 6, Pincher Creek, on the evening of December 7th, officially. The second degree was conferred this night, and the work was very well done; the officers, especially the Master, had full control of their respective duties. The books of this lodge are in good shape, the finances sound, and the brethren show a keen interest in the business of the lodge. The whole proceedings were carried on in a manner that shows credit to all the members. The prospects for this lodge look good for 1944.

I paid my official visit to Alberta Lodge, No. 3, at Macleod, on February 16th, accompanied by five brethren from Sentinel Lodge, No. 26. Here we saw the First Degree conferred on a brother which was a credit to the officers, and all who took part. The business of the lodge was carefully carried out, the Worshipful Master W. Bro. R. E. Patterson had good control of his work, and the books and records are in excellent shape. This lodge is fortunate in having a secretary like R. W. Bro. G. R. Davis. The Grand Lodge *Bulletin* is read out in lodge, but I think that it would be a good thing for this lodge if they got a few more copies to distribute among the brethren. I was pleased with the response this lodge had received from the members for the Masonic War Distress Fund and I feel sure that when the results are in that they will have kept up to their usual standard.

Chinook Lodge, No. 47, was visited by me on March 20th. This lodge is the smallest in numbers in this district, and most of the brothers live in the country and have to travel long distances to lodge; but I was pleased to note the good turnout they were able to get on my official visit. The records and accounts of this lodge are in good shape and they also are fortunate to have a good secretary in R. W. Bro. M. A. Murphy. Not much business was transacted on this occasion as they had arranged for a special social evening after the meeting for a presentation to one of the brothers who was leaving the district, and one who had recently been married. I was pleased to note that they decided to procure more Grand Lodge *Bulletins* so that the brothers would have a chance of taking them home and reading them for

themselves. The finances of this lodge are in good shape and they have prospects of a good year.

I had the pleasure of visiting Summit Lodge, No. 30, officially on Thursday, February 29th, and was pleased to note that they had a candidate for the second degree. No degree work had been put on by this lodge for over one year and they were to be complimented on the way they did their work. The finances of this lodge are not as good as the other lodges in the district, but they are hoping for a better year and I am sure they will work for that end. The books and records are very well kept, and the Historical Register is kept up to date. I hope that they will see their way clear to procure more of the Grand Lodge *Bulletins*, as at present they only receive three and I am sure that the brethren would appreciate being able to take a copy and keep them on file for reference. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge along with a number of brethren from Sentinel No. 26 and Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, on one of their nights when they were invited by members of the Lions Club for a social time after the regular meeting. During this social evening a number of the brethren from Summit Lodge put on a fine sketch which was well prepared and well acted.

My official visit to Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, was one of the pleasing visits I had during my term of office. I was well received and a goodly turnout of the brethren added to that pleasure. The W.M., W. Bro. W. M. Turner, showed his usual ability in governing the proceedings of the lodge, and the meeting was a real success. The books of the lodge are well kept with the exception of the Historical Register, but the Worshipful Master assured me this would be attended to at an early date. The finances of Rocky Mountain Lodge are in excellent shape and they have good investments. R. W. Bro. J. R. McLeod makes a splendid secretary and everything in his hands is well kept, accurate and neat. Rocky Mountain Lodge had the misfortune to lose one of its most loyal and respected members in the death of W. Bro. Roland Pinkney. This brother has been a faithful member of this lodge. The funeral service at the grave-side was conducted in a very reverent manner by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshanks, of Sentinel Lodge, No. 26. I wish at this time, on behalf of the officers of Grand Lodge and the members of all the lodges in District No. 8, to tender our heartfelt sympathy to R. W. Bro. Harold Pinkney, brother of W. Bro. Roland Pinkney.

I had the pleasure of visiting my own lodge officially on March 9th, and needless to say, I feel that the ties of brotherly love and harmony in Sentinel Lodge is not surpassed by any other lodge. We have had quite a number of the brethren join His Majesty's Forces, of which we are very proud and the younger members were put into harness and have shown themselves worthy of our trust, and I feel sure that they will give a good account of themselves to the end of their term of office. We have been fortunate in having such guiding hands as M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshanks and R. W. Bro. R. Chrichton, who are ready at any time to give counsel and good advice and are willing to do their part in any degree work. The finances of Sentinel Lodge are very good and the investments of the lodge funds are solid. I would not pass over at this time without stating that the books are in first class shape and the records kept up to date (myself being the Secretary). We have had degree work nearly every night for a year and the examination of the candidates and the work put on by the officers of the lodge is a credit to Sentinel Lodge. Our Fourth Degree

has a reputation all through the district which adds considerably to the success which we now enjoy.

On the evening of April 17th I was asked by the members of Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, to accompany W. Bro. W. Turner, and W. B. S. McDowell to go with them to the home of Bro. H. A. Moore, at the request of Argyle Lodge, Montreal, to present Bro. Moore with a 50-year Masonic Jewel. Bro. Moore was initiated into Argyle Lodge on April 16th, 1894. This brother came west in 1907 on the Lethbridge Division of the C.P.R. and he has passed his three score and ten, and we trust that he will live long to enjoy this token of esteem from his brethren in Montreal. The presentation was made by W. Bro. S. McDowell, an old friend of the brother, and his words to Brother Moore were timely and fitting. Bro. Moore replied fittingly and thanked the three brothers for the visit. This would have been presented in Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 86, but the health of Brother Moore would not permit him to visit the lodge.

In conclusion I again wish to thank all the brethren of District No. 8 and especially the brothers who accompanied me on my visits, also my sincere appreciation to M. W. Bro. George Moore, our Grand Secretary, for his assistance to me during my term as D.D.G.M. The condition of masonry in District No. 8 is very good; the financial standing of the lodges and the prospects for the coming year are very favorable. I tried in my humble way to stress the need of all the lodges procuring enough Grand Lodge *Bulletins* for each of their members; also the wish of our Grand Master that they rally to the call of the Masonic War Distress Fund, which I feel sure will get all the support of the members of this district.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED PADGETT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Stettler, June 5th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

Masonic District No. 9 had a very unusual experience during the past year in as far as the office of District Deputy Grand Master was concerned. In 1942 the district elected V. W. Bro. George M. Ball to this rank but owing to the untimely and sudden passing of Brother Ball before he was installed in office, it was necessary that another Brother be elected in his stead. At the last Communication of Grand Lodge, W. Bro. Norman W. Connolly was elected and installed as D.D.G.M. His election was one that was greeted with a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure by the whole district. R. W. Bro. Connolly

entered into the duties of his office with a great deal of pride and the brethren of the district looked forward to a worth while year of Masonic work. However, it was not to be, as in the month of November R. W. Bro. Connolly was called to a higher abode. His death, so unexpected, immediately cast a sense of gloom over the entire district as it was realized that this district had lost one of the most outstanding Masons in this part of the Province. R. W. Bro. Connolly took a very keen interest in the Masonic welfare of this district his whole life being centered in his lodge work, to which he gave unstintingly of his time and ability.

At the time of his passing, he was the Secretary of Apollo Lodge, No. 27, and had given that lodge service that will never be forgotten by the members of that lodge for years to come. His monthly lodge notices were of a type that were well worth reading with their apt and appropriate quotations and to those who were privileged to receive them, were a source of inspiration and pleasure.

The funeral service was largely attended by the brethren of the district and the fact that you, M. W. Sir, along with other Grand Lodge officers, found time to attend, was sincerely appreciated by this Masonic District and Apollo Lodge in particular.

R. W. Bro. Connolly died in harness, on the morning of his death he had been busy arranging for a fraternal visit to a neighboring lodge in another Masonic district. He had looked forward to this Masonic year with a great deal of interest as all the sitting officers of his lodge had been brethren whom he had coached in their work through the various degrees. Fortunately for the district, he had been able to make an official visit to every lodge in the district with the exception of his own lodge. The cordiality of the greeting he received at these visits was sincere. It was my privilege to be with him on some of these visits, including his last, which was to Coronation Lodge, a week before he died. We all miss his kindly counsel and cherish his memory.

Our last District Meeting was held in Stettler on September 16th last under the leadership of our late brother, and he carried out the many duties of that day with dignity and efficiency. The meeting was well attended and the proceedings throughout were interesting and instructive. The Forum was a feature that was well received and should be taken advantage of more, as much interesting information was gained. Your address in the evening, M. W. Sir, on the achievements of Masonry in this jurisdiction, was timely and interesting. The addresses of the other Grand Lodge officers were also much appreciated. W. Bro. Alexander Bissett, of Ionic Lodge, No. 45, was elected to the office of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and there is no doubt but that the affairs of the district will be in capable hands and that he will be well received throughout the entire district. We deeply appreciate the presence at this meeting of M. W. Bro. Moore as Grand Secretary and there is no doubt but that Grand Lodge made a good choice when they elected him to this office.

This year has seen a great revival of interest throughout the entire district. At the moment every lodge but one have candidates going through.

Attendances have been improving through these new candidates being admitted and it would appear that new interest has taken hold throughout the district. In some cases lodges have had to put on more

than one degree in an evening which is probably necessary at times, but it has a tendency to make the meetings too long and arduous. Generally speaking, Masonry in this district is very satisfactory.

I deeply appreciated the honor of filling out the unexpired time of my predecessor in office, and I regret that I have not been able to give it the time and attention that it should have had through reasons beyond my control. I was glad of the opportunity of serving Apollo Lodge until such time as they were able to secure a permanent Secretary, and I am sure that in Bro. T. M. Robinson they have found a worthy successor to our late Bro. Connolly. There is one matter that lodges should consider, and that is that too much work is demanded of the Secretary, that is, over and above the duties of his office and when the emergency arises as it did in this case, it is very difficult to get a brother to take over the duties of the office. During the coming year the affairs of this district will be in good hands and it is our earnest hope and prayer that this year will see the end of this great world tragedy and all our boys and girls safe home again. In the meantime it is our duty to endeavor to live up to the ideals that they are all striving for and hoping to find when they come home.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID DRINNAN,
Acting-D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 1st, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present for your consideration my Report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District for the term 1943-44. It has been my pleasure and privilege to visit all the lodges in the district. In many cases I have made a second and even a third visit. At the outset may I express my hearty appreciation of the courtesies extended to me and the wonderful manner in which I was received by the brethren of the district. I am deeply appreciative of their kindness, hospitality, good-fellowship and fraternalism which will stay with me as an outstanding memory for the rest of my days. Harmony prevails throughout the district as demonstrated by lodge to lodge visitations. This is very commendable and one that I encouraged at most of my meetings. I have found a very high calibre of officers throughout, doing their work in a very efficient manner from the Worshipful Masters down. I would like to say a special word of praise for the Secretaries—they are to be congratulated on the way their records are kept and may I venture to say they are really the backbone of any lodge. The many brethren who

have attended me on my visits, also the faithful attendance of many of the Grand Lodge officers, past and present, was very much appreciated by me and their advice and experience was a tower of strength and a source of great help to me.

The Tenth Masonic District is showing a distinct improvement in membership and a net gain of 30 for the period under observation, would appear to be really worth while. This, in the face of the fact that we lost a generation in World War I followed by approximately ten years of depression and now to be thrown back against the wall with such a loss as World War II is imposing upon us.

In my visits I have learned much of the varied activities and work of our institution; here Most Worshipful Sir, let me bring to you the expressions of the lodges, of their loyalty to their Grand Lodge and the great display of enthusiasm with which the "Toast" of this Ancient and Honorable Body was at all times received.

I have endeavored at all meetings to leave with the brethren, a message worthy of our Order and which I hope will bear results in the years to come.

I particularly stressed:

1. The Masonic War Distress Fund and found all lodges anxious and willing to meet their quotas and while all may not quite reach their objectives, I am sure that our District will collectively measure up to expectations.
2. The policy of our sending letters and comforts to members, their Sons and Daughters who are fighting our battles away from their homeland. I have met with very willing and decided response in this connection on every hand. Special Committees have been set up and I am sure most excellent results will prevail.
3. The Grand Lodge *Bulletin*. Here again special emphasis was placed upon the idea of having a copy of this periodical placed in the hands of every individual member, stating that the cost was very low. This *Bulletin* has now become a great help, presenting as it does, matters of current interest Masonically, and answers to many questions bothering the minds of brethren today relative to our immediate problems.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in Acacia Masonic Hall, South Edmonton, on Saturday, September 18th, 1943.

The officers of Acacia Lodge, No. 11, with the sitting Master Wor. Bro. George A. Lawrence, in the East, called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

The D.D.G.M. was officially received and after proceeding to the East, opened the lodge in prescribed form.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was then introduced by P.D.D.G.M. A. J. Whitby and received with Grand Honors. Upon accepting the gavel he thanked the brethren for his reception and requested the D.D.G.M. to carry on with the business.

The minutes of the 1942 District Meeting, held at Vegreville, Alberta, were then read by the District Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. T.

Coote, There being no alterations or corrections the Minutes were confirmed by the D.D.G.M. Typed copies of the Minutes of this meeting were mimeographed and forwarded to all lodges in the Tenth Masonic District, as well Grand Lodge, so that it is unnecessary to again record them in this report.

The new Grand Secretary elected and installed in June, M. W. Bro. George Moore, was introduced by M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley and received a fine ovation.

The D.D.G.M. then called for verbal reports by representatives of the District Lodges in attendance. Nine lodges out of thirteen reported, indicating that Masonry generally was very much on the uptrend. The lodges reporting were:

Acacia Lodge, No. 11, by W. Bro. George Lawrence.
Victoria Lodge, No. 13, by W. Bro. A. B. King.
Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, by Wor. Bro. G. B. Hawley.
St. John's Lodge, No. 25, by W. Bro. A. Jeffrey.
Empire Lodge, No. 63, by Wor. Bro. H. J. Faulafer.
Norwood Lodge, No. 90, by Bro. T. McCulloch.
Lamont Lodge, No. 94, by R. W. Bro. R. E. Harrison.
Dominion Lodge, No. 117, by W. Bro. Jas. Phillips.
Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154, by W. Bro. T. E. Jewell.

The following lodges were not represented:

Hope Lodge, No. 38; Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110; Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131; St. Alban's Lodge, No. 145.

The D.D.G.M. expressed keen regret that any lodge would allow a meeting of this character to pass without fit and proper representation. He stated further that this meeting is held each year for the express purpose of bringing before the lodges any vital questions that bother the membership from time to time throughout the year.

R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull, P.D.D.G.M. gave a fine report on what the district had done for the Masonic War Distress Fund during the last three years and expressed the hope that the lodges of this district would do as well again this year. He impressed upon the Masters not only to appoint a committee to look after this work but to get in and work with them, thus keeping his committee alive to their duties. The D.D.G.M. asked R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull if he would again accept the Chairmanship for District No. 10, to which he gave consent amid unanimous applause.

R. W. Bro. H. S. Hurlburt, P.D.D.G.M., presented a verbal report of his activities during the year of his office just closed and suggested that the stronger lodges of the district should try and visit the smaller and weaker ones whenever possible, as some lodges were finding it difficult to carry on owing to so many of their members having moved to other districts, or joined up with one or other of the Armed Forces.

A very pleasant and beneficial open forum was indulged in and several matters of prime importance were brought forward, particularly the matter of a Masonic Home for Aged Masons by Bro. Murray Hamilton of Acacia Lodge, No. 11, and strongly supported by W. Bro. Sorenson of Norwood Lodge, No. 90.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master gave a verbal answer to this enquiry as to the findings of previous committees who had worked on this matter in the past.

M. W. Bro. John Martland, chairman of the Committee on the Work, gave a resume of the rulings made by the committee during the past few years which proved instructive and brought forth several questions.

Following the afternoon business session, the ladies of Knox United Church served a delightful dinner in the basement of the church, and a short program was enjoyed by the gathering.

At the evening session W. Bro. T. E. Jewell of Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154, was unanimously elected as D.D.G.M. for the 1944-45 term of office, subject to the acceptance by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. Wor. Bro. A. Jeffrey of St. Johns Lodge, No. 25, Vegreville, stated that Waskatenau Lodge being so located, that it might be impossible, through road conditions, to hold a district meeting at Waskatenau, invited the District meeting to be held in Vegreville in 1944, which was gratefully accepted.

On behalf of the District Lodges, the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, presented Grand Lodge regalia to Past District Deputy Grand Master Stan Hurlburt in a few well chosen and complimentary remarks, to which R. W. Bro. Hurlburt suitable replied.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then addressed the gathering, giving a running account of his visits to District Meetings up to this point paying high tribute to the officers of all lodges. He touched upon and paid a high tribute to the Masonic *Bulletin* and urged the study of it, and also the study of the Grand Lodge proceedings. He dwelt at some considerable length on the Masonic War Distress Fund indicating that there was even greater work to be done in the future than was necessary in the past. He spoke very feelingly of the many Masons and sons of Masons who had paid the supreme sacrifice so that we might carry on and enjoy the many privileges we do today. He set forth many items of a program which Grand Lodge was setting up and he solicited the co-operation of the subordinate lodges and the individual members as well. He closed his remarks with the following lines:

WHAT OF YOUR MASONRY

*What of your Masonry? Is it put by,
Doffed with your apron, forgotten to lie
Dormant and void, inefficient and vain,
Till in the lodge you resume it again.*

*Listen my Brother, true Masonry dwells
Out in the world, not in dungeons and cells
It feeds the hungry, defends the oppressed,
Lifts those that languish and soothes the distressed.*

*Masonry's place is in the shop, street and store
Fully as much as behind the tiled door,
'Tis not a thing to be hidden away,
It should be worn, used and lived day by day.*

Lodge was closed in harmony and prescribed form at 9:15 p.m.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Acacia Lodge, No. 11.—I made my official visit to this my Mother Lodge, on November 25th, 1943. They have a very strong lodge and the very best of harmony prevails. Nearly every month sees degree work being put on. Their net gain for 1943 was 10, making their present membership 207, the largest in the Tenth Masonic District. This, of course, is as it should be, Acacia being the oldest lodge in the district. This lodge enjoys many special nights, such as Ladies', Burns', St. Patrick's, St. George's, Canadian (Father and Son), and others. These special nights lend themselves to a high standard of fraternal co-operation and good fellowship not attained in any other way. Their average attendance was 45, their books and records are in excellent shape, all being up to date in every regard. A special word is due to their Historical Register compiled by R. W. Bro. C. G. Flavin, P.D.D.G.M., which contains the finest set-up of World, Dominion, Provincial, and Home events that can be found anywhere. Visiting Registrars would do well to examine these records. All officers are very efficient in their work and degrees are exemplified with dignity. Financially they are in an enviable position, own their own building and have no debt. On the occasion of my visit I was supported by ten Grand Lodge Officers and 24 visitors, together with 57 members present. I presented my remarks in the Lodge Room. This is a Canadian Rite Lodge.

Victoria Lodge, No. 13.—Victoria has several members in the Armed Forces as well as a few who have moved to other districts. While their average attendance is low, their enthusiasm is very high and new applications are starting to come in after a long era without work. I witnessed their degree work on an occasion other than my official visit, and it was very well done in spite of the long interval since they last had degree work to do. Their books and records are in excellent condition, except the Historical Register. I am sincere when I say that I think this lodge will soon be back to the standing it once enjoyed. I made my official visit on December 7th, 1943, and was happy to have 30 visitors journey out from Edmonton, six of which were Grand Lodge officers, including R. W. Bro. E. A. Figg, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 10 and R. W. Bro. Alex. Paton, D.D.G.M. of District No. 12, to do honor to Victoria Lodge. The Junior Warden gave the lecture in the Entered Apprentice Degree and it was very well done. This brother, by the way, lives in Edmonton and drives to lodge every meeting with practically no exceptions. He is their youngest member. I presented my remarks under the heading of "Good and Welfare".

Vermilion Lodge, No. 24.—I visited this lodge officially on November 2nd, 1943, and enjoyed meeting old friends and making new. They had no degree work for this meeting but I was privileged to see their officers show their skill at the time I made an official visit to Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131, one week later. The business of the lodge is conducted with a high standard of efficiency and the degree work that I witnessed was very well portrayed. I was pleased to compliment the Secretary on the way he has kept his books and records. If their Registrar would only do as well everything would be in tip top shape. The Temple building is owned by the Masonic Holding Co. and rented to the lodge. The financial status of the lodge is sound and much could be predicted for this lodge.

I was supported by ten visitors from St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, including three Grand Lodge officers; 27 members were in attendance

and the utmost harmony prevails. I spoke in the lodge room as well as at Harmony.

St. John's Lodge, No. 25.—I made my first official visit of the district to St. John's, No. 25, November 1, 1943, and received a very warm welcome, while meeting many old friends and gathering new. 27 members were present and ten visitors, including four Grand Lodge officers. While this lodge shows a net loss for the year of two, nevertheless a fine outlook is in store for the years to follow. This lodge enjoys one of the finest equipped lodge rooms in the district, they show substantial assets and very small liabilities and the average attendance is very gratifying to say the least. I am very grateful to P.D.G.G.M.'s Hurlburt, Hacker and Fraser, as well as many others, for their many courtesies and help generally while visiting other nearby lodges. While no degree work was on the agenda for this meeting, I was privileged to see the officers at work at another date, which was performed with a high degree of efficiency. I had the honor of later visiting St. John's when R. W. Bro. Rev. Crane-Williams visited as guest speaker. On this occasion a large number were in attendance with visitors from many surrounding lodges, including Edmonton.

Hope Lodge, No. 38.—I was pleased to visit this lodge on November 8th, 1943. While the attendance was small, yet they displayed that old-fashioned type of fraternalism which is a pleasure to receive in these days of changing conditions. There was no degree work but the business was conducted in a very fine manner. This lodge has a small resident membership and is finding it rather difficult to carry on during these stressing times. I predict that this condition will show much improvement more particularly after hostilities cease and our boys return to their respective homes. R. W. Bro. N. Crooks is a very efficient Secretary and is making a great effort to keep the lodge on an active basis. I spoke at the close of their business, after which we enjoyed a round table chat over coffee and sandwiches.

Empire Lodge, No. 63.—I made my official visit with Empire, No. 63, on Monday, November 15th, 1943, and was introduced by a very personal and Masonic friend M. W. Bro. John Martland, to whom I owe much for the Masonic knowledge I possess. There being no degree work on for this meeting, I had plenty of time to deliver my message to the brethren. I had the pleasure of seeing work put on by the officers at a later date which was very satisfactorily done. The officers are very alert and painstaking in all phases of their activities. They meet in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, which affords very comfortable and commodious quarters.

M. W. Bro. John Martland is a meticulous coach in all matters affecting the officers and the lodge generally. His work as Secretary is known throughout the district and his books and records are nothing short of perfect. His Historical Register is a work of art and embodies everything that could be handed down to generations to follow. I have enjoyed many visits with the brethren of Empire No. 63.

Norwood Lodge, No. 90.—My visit with Norwood, No. 90, was at an emergent meeting November 23, 1943, and as there was no degree work I was given practically the entire evening to bring a message of instruction and good-will to this constituent lodge. I was privileged later to witness the officers at degree work which proved up to the same standard that Norwood is noted for in this regard. Norwood, No. 90, own their building which is paid for and with no liabilities to delay

their progress, they enjoy a position few possess. I found their records in excellent condition with the one exception, the Historical Register. I am sure that this record will soon be up to date. This lodge is now enjoying prosperous times and the small net gain of this year will be greatly enlarged for 1944-45.

Lamont Lodge, No. 94.—My official visit to Lamont, No. 94, was on the evening of December 13th, 1943. The night was cold but a large number of members and visitors were in attendance. 15 members, 11 visitors, including two Grand Lodge officers. I was pleased that a large number of Edmonton members were able to go along, especially my own lodge Acacia, No. 11. The third degree was exemplified in a very excellent manner under the able direction of W. Bro. B. I. Love, Master of the lodge. The financial position is substantial and they have no liabilities. The books and records are very well kept and are a credit to the lodge. They have an up to date Historical Register which is very commendable for a small lodge. I addressed the brethren following the degree, stressing all phases of Grand Lodge activities. Following the meeting, the gathering adjourned to the local hotel dining-room, where an enjoyable and harmonious social evening was held.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 110.—This lodge is just getting along due to the fact that only ten members reside in the district close enough to come to lodge with any degree of regularity. When I officially visited them on December 20th, 1943, I was given reasonable assurance that with the cessation of hostilities and the return of some of their members from Overseas, they would again be up and going. The present officers are very keen and will I am sure carry on through these difficult times. The spirit is very good in this lodge, W. Bro. Olsen is very active and gets considerable support from R. W. Bro. Dixon, P.D.D.G.M. A net gain of one this year is recorded. The books are well kept and the Secretary is efficient. Ten members were in attendance and 15 visitors from St. John's Lodge, including three Grand Lodge officers, making a very enjoyable evening.

Dominion Lodge, No. 117.—I officially visited this lodge on November 24th, 1943, on the occasion of their Emergent Meeting. They had three candidates for the Master Mason Degree and the work was exemplified in a very capable and dignified manner. This lodge meets in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, and is a very active body. They show a net gain of 14, the highest in the district, bringing their membership up to 114. 35 degrees have been conferred, viz., 14 E.A., 10 F.C. and 11 M.M. Their assets are sound with very little liabilities. The attendance is relatively good. Their Secretary, V. W. Bro. Ward, takes his job very seriously and the books and records are a sure indication of his ability. I found the brethren very friendly and the Master, W. Bro. J. Phillips, very keen, displaying the kind of energy that goes to make up a real live Masonic organization. 35 members and 24 visitors, including eight Grand Lodge officers, were present when I addressed them after the degree work was completed.

Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131.—I made by official visit with Kitscoty Lodge, No. 131, on the evening of November 9th, 1943. I was supported by 14 members from Vermilion Lodge, No. 24, who were visiting Kitscoty and conferring the Master Mason degree. 14 of their own members were in attendance and exemplified the Fellow Craft Degree.

The Degree work of both lodges was very pleasing and efficiently done. W. Bro. J. G. Inglis is a very efficient Secretary and his books and records are very well kept. A gain of one is recorded for the year. I spoke during lodge proceedings and my message was well received.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 145.—I visited this lodge on April 22nd, 1944. The first meeting held by them since last August. This lodge is not in a very good position numerically, as most of their members have moved away or joined the Armed Forces. St. Paul is the centre of a French settlement and the future prospects are not of the brightest. The officers are making a valiant attempt to keep going but the obstacles are great and they are having their difficulties. Nearly all the members, except possibly 4 or 5 are living at great distances, making it often impossible to secure a quorum. Weather and roads play a very important part. They are calling a regular meeting for May, 1944, for the express purpose of discussing their future policy.

Waskatenau Lodge, No. 154.—Accompanied by the Worshipful Master and R. W. Bro. Harrison of Lamont Lodge, No. 94, I visited Waskatenau and found to my surprise one of the most energetic bodies of the entire district. 16 members were in attendance out of a possible 18 and work in the Master Mason Degree was put on in a very capable and impressive manner. Here I witnessed something of rare importance to the Craft. The Wor. Master raised his own father, which made for me a very memorable evening. This small lodge records a net gain of two. The books and records are well kept and show skill and ability on the part of the Secretary. They enjoy comfortable quarters in the United Church. Finances are in good shape. I was pleased to again meet Wor. Bro. T. E. Jewell, D.D.G.M.-elect for District No. 10, term 1944-45. We concluded with a very pleasant get-together.

I would not want my term of office to expire without expressing my appreciation of the Work done as District Secretary, by R. W. Bro. W. T. Coote. His long years of experience in the Craft and his previous service in Grand Lodge, made him an invaluable aid in carrying out my duties. I also want to thank the brethren of District No. 10 for their confidence in electing me as their D.D.G.M. for 1943-44. To M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley, Grand Master, I would like to say it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Deputy and I want you to know that the many kindnesses shown and your guidance in many matters has been a great help and inspiration to me.

I am indeed grateful to those Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Lodge officers who accompanied me on many of my visits, both out of the city and in the city, and particularly do I wish to express my thanks to the Worshipful Master and members of my Mother Lodge "Acacia" No. 11, who journeyed with me on each and every visit.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. McCOOL,

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Kirkcaldy, April 25th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. for District No. 11 for the year 1943-44.

I have visited all the lodges in the district during my term of office and have tried to impress upon the members the necessity and importance of trying to make their quota allotted for the Masonic War Distress Fund.

My official visits were made as follows:

November 2nd.—Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, Vulcan.
November 4th.—Cresset Lodge, No. 136, Barons.
November 8th.—Robert Burns Lodge, No. 39, Carmangay.
November 9th.—Nobleford Lodge, No. 111, Nobleford.
November 11th.—Champion Lodge, No. 84, Champion.
December 1st.—Granite Lodge, No. 127, Blackie.
February 1st.—Pyramid Lodge, No. 108, Lomond.

On my official visits I was accompanied by my District Secretary and usually by other members of neighboring lodges. The attendance on the whole was good; the attendance at Vulcan and Granite was exceptionally large. At Vulcan a banquet preceded the meeting and at Granite it was Past Master's Night when four candidates received the M. M. Degree. The work was put on in a very efficient manner.

I had the pleasure of acting as Installing Master on four different occasions—On June 24th I installed Robert Burns and Cresset Lodges at Barons; on December 27th, Nobleford and Champion Lodges at Champion; on December 29th, Vulcan Lodge at Vulcan; and on February 1st, Pyramid Lodge at Lomond. Pyramid Lodge was undecided about carrying on and had not installed in June as had been their usual custom. However, I believe they are now in a position to carry on successfully.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Champion on October 7th. This year we changed from our usual custom of holding an afternoon and night session and held only a night session, which proved to be very satisfactory. We had the pleasure of having with us M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, Grand Master, also Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. George Moore and R. W. Bro. D. Patterson, who gave us very inspiring addresses.

During the evening M. W. Bro. Bradley invested V. W. Bro. Anderson, of Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, with his Grand Steward's regalia and presented R. W. Bro. McAskile with his P.D.D.G.M. jewel.

V. W. Bro. S. R. Craig, of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 39, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1944-45.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 11 for the honor conferred upon me in electing me D.D.G.M. and to express my appreciation for the kindness and hospitality extended to me during my visits throughout the district.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. HAGERMAN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 10th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

As District Deputy Grand Master I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Twelfth Masonic District for the term 1943-1944.

In spite of transportation difficulties due to a wet summer, I was able to visit every lodge in my district at least once before the Annual District Meeting and have visited them as many times as possible since.

In the matter of small country lodges I have often wondered in the past if these really justified their existence, but after the experience gained I find that in nearly every case the Masons actually form the backbone of the community in which they live and hold office.

As an instance of this and as an illustration of the co-operation in evidence, I wish to state that at one of these district points a Nurses Home is managed by the Masons—not as a lodge, but as an individual endeavor.

Due in part to brethren being on Active Service and as a result of the shortage of labor, the country lodges were not largely attended. However, this situation was offset by the good fellowship and sterling qualities of those present. To reach some of these lodges also, many miles of bad roads had to be encountered but this was done without undue hardship. At one meeting, however, a P.D.D.G.M. bordering on three score years, walked seven miles over sticky mud roads with his rubbers attached to his shoes with string, while another travelled eight miles on foot to attend the same meeting. This calls for grit and determination and augurs well for the future of this lodge.

After the hour of refreshment at one lodge, which I had the privilege of visiting, and as a parting gesture, the brethren filed into the lodge-room, formed a square around the Altar and sang "Auld Lang Syne". This to me was quite a unique and rather touching finale.

I wish to state here that the officers' regalia at this lodge is getting old and worn, but this may be excusable in war time.

Generally speaking, however, the officers in the country lodges are reasonably conversant with their duties and the books are kept in a satisfactory manner with the exception, in some cases, of the Black Book and Historical Register. Several promises have been received to have the Historical Register brought up-to-date but I am doubtful about some of the Black Books. However, it has been brought to my attention that this situation is being remedied and it is hoped that by the time the Grand Lodge meets these records will all be in order.

The city lodges are generally kept very busy; many degrees are being conferred and the work well done. A colourful event took place in a city lodge when the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on two candidates by Grand Lodge officers, past and present, with the three D.D.G.M.'s of Districts Nos. 3, 10 and 12, occupying the three principal chairs.

The books in District No. 12 are generally well kept and show that every lodge is active and in good financial standing. I might state in passing that several of the Secretaries make their books a work of art; their penmanship is a thing of beauty.

All the lodges in the district receive and appreciate the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*. As this contains a wealth of splendid material I trust that ere long each member will receive and peruse a copy of this desirable and very essential material.

I greatly regret, as do the brethren in this district, to learn that the Editor of the *Bulletin*, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell has been seriously ill and we all wish to extend to him our wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Visitation to the sick is generally attended to by a Sick and Visiting Committee. This is an important Masonic attribute and every lodge notice should bear the names of those on this committee so that they may be promptly advised in case of the illness of any member.

District No. 12 suffered the loss by death of two of its Secretaries in the persons of R. W. Bro. T. G. Govenlock, P.D.D.G.M., Whitecourt Lodge, No. 153, and W. Bro. Walter Bridge, West Edmonton Lodge, No. 101. Brother Govenlock was buried in the Edmonton Cemetery and the last rites were conducted by Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, by request.

In the performance of my duties at the various city lodges, too, I have noted frequent visits by our American, New Zealand and Australian brethren as well as those from the Old Land. This, it seems to me, is gradually bringing us nearer the goal spoken of by our late brother mason—Robert Burns—who said, "man to man the world o'er shall brothers be for a' that."

An outstanding E. A. Degree was conferred on a member of the U.S.A. armed forces by request. The candidate was most solemnly and impressively obligated by his own father, who made a special trip from the United States for this important occasion. This is another striking example of "the tie that binds".

The attendance of the resident membership of the city lodges last year was 25 per cent with an increase shown this year of 2 per cent.

Similarly the resident membership of the country lodges last year was 39 per cent with an increase this year of 16 per cent.

On the whole, harmony and good-fellowship prevail in every lodge and I was treated on every occasion with the utmost courtesy and consideration. I did find, however, that most lodges are finding difficulty in reaching the quota set for the Masonic War Distress Fund. This is regrettable but for the most part the condition of Masonry in this district is very good.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of this District was held in the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, November 17th, 1943.

Registration commenced at 5:00 p.m.

After registration the members present assembled in the Library where the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Bro. Russell J. Bradley, called upon M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, to open an informal discussion. He gave an interesting talk on "Lodge Management" and was asked a number of questions by the brethren.

At 6:30 p.m. the gathering assembled in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple where dinner was served, which was followed by a short entertainment.

The D.D.G.M. then informed the audience that a son of M. W. Bro. Sam Harris was on active service in Great Britain and while overseas made application in Scotland, was accepted, and received the three Degrees of Masonry.

The regalia of his lodge consisted of sash and apron which was brought to Edmonton by a brother Mason and presented by the D.D.G.M. to his illustrious father for safe-keeping until his son's return.

The meeting in the lodge room was opened at 8:00 p.m. in the usual prescribed manner.

After the report of the P.D.D.G.M. on District No. 12, the M. W. Grand Master, Russell J. Bradley, presented R. W. Bro. Garnett with the regalia of his office and spoke of his valued services to the craft. The W.M.'s or representatives then gave reports on their respective lodges.

W. Bro. Leonard C. Stevens of Jasper Lodge, No. 14, was elected as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and I wish to extend to him my best wishes for a successful term.

As a fitting climax to a most interesting meeting, addresses were given by M. W. George Moore and M. W. Russell J. Bradley.

It was decided that the next annual District Meeting be held in Edmonton.

The fact that this meeting had a larger attendance than in former years when Districts No. 3 and No. 12 met jointly, is a favorable indication that Masonry is on the upward trend.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated that this was the last of seventeen District Meetings in the province and commented on the

splendid finish; every lodge in the district having been represented by forty-five visitors and sixty-three officers and Past Masters with the power to vote. He spoke on various phases of Masonic Work and also on the subject, "The Present Social Strife in the World."

This address was much appreciated by a very attentive audience throughout its entirety.

To W. Bro. W. D. Spence of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142, I would like to offer my sincere thanks for his untiring assistance and helpful advice as District Secretary.

In conclusion I also wish to convey my thanks to those brethren with whom I had the honor to accompany me on my official visits and to R. W. Bro. Fred Burton for his valuable aid in connection with transportation difficulties.

Fraternally submitted,

A. PATON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Spirit River, April 17th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as your Deputy for District No. 13 for the year 1943-44.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall at Spirit River on July 21st, 1943. All lodges were represented with a registered attendance of 76.

We had the honor and pleasure of your presence, M. W. Sir, and had the honor of having other distinguished guests, in the persons of R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams, G.S.W., R. W. Bro. Paton, D.D.G.M. of District No. 12, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. S. Harris, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. David Patterson, P.G.J.W.

The Minutes of the last District Meeting, which was held at Grande Prairie on July 22nd, 1942, were read and approved.

After the D.D.G.M. had welcomed the visitors and expressed the hope that the meeting would be a success, R. W. Bro. Frank Crummy, P.D.D.G.M., gave a report concerning his year of office which met with approval. The representatives of the various lodges in the district gave their several reports, which showed that Masonry was very active in the District.

Bro. Houndle, of Wahpun Lodge, No. 88, reported the serious illness of R. W. Bro. Spaulding, P.D.D.G.M., and the meeting authorised a telegram be sent expressing our sincere wish for his speedy recovery.

The meeting was called from Labor to Refreshment at 4:30 p.m.

During the interval, M. W. Sir, you met all the Masters and Secretaries of the lodges when many questions of Masonic interest were discussed and which were very instructive to the brethren.

At the banquet which was given by Spirit River Lodge, addresses were given by yourself, M. W. Sir, R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, R. W. Bro. Paton and W. Bro. E. H. Rivers of Unity Lodge, No. 51.

The meeting was called to order again at 8:45 p.m. The D.D.G.M. called for nominations for D.D.G.M. for next year and W. Bro. C. B. Anderson, of Hythe Lodge, No. 156, was the unanimous choice of the meeting.

M. W. Bro. S. Harris gave an address in which he gave a lot of information with regard to the state of Masonry in the Jurisdiction and the activities of Grand Lodge.

Altogether a very successful meeting was held and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

I had the pleasure with several members of Spirit River Lodge, of accompanying you and your party on your visit to Peace Lodge at Dawson Creek in the jurisdiction of British Columbia, where we were treated royally and had a splendid visit.

My first official act as your Deputy was one of sorrow, which was to attend the funeral of our late R. W. Bro. Spaulding, P.D.D.G.M., of District No. 13, who died at High Prairie on July 26th, 1943. I was accompanied by several members of Spirit River Lodge. M. W. Bro. Sam Harris of Wahpun Lodge officiated at the Masonic service and a very large number of Masons attended the funeral.

During my term of office I visited all the lodges in the District officially in the following order:

Wahpun Lodge, No. 88—August 19th, 1943.
Peace River Lodge, No. 89—September 2nd, 1943.
Lake Saskatoon Lodge, No. 106—October 7th, 1943.
Sexsmith Lodge, No. 160—November 2nd, 1943.
Northland Lodge, No. 147—November 8th, 1943.
Hythe Lodge, No. 156—November 25th, 1943.
Grande Prairie Lodge, No. 105—December 9th, 1943.
Spirit River Lodge, No. 116—January 17th, 1943.

From my visits to the different lodges in the district I find that Masonry as a whole is very active and that the members are taking a keen interest in the different Masonic activities. While two lodges show a decrease in membership the district as a whole shows a good increase and most of the lodges are in a very active state. The financial condition of the district is very good, all lodges showing very good balances on the right side. With the exception of two lodges the arrears of dues are very small.

I must compliment the Secretaries of the different lodges on the manner the books are kept and the work done by them in general. The

Historical Registers as a whole are being written up faithfully which will be a great asset to each lodge in years to come.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Wor. Masters and brethren of each lodge for the courteous treatment I received on my visits and especially wish to thank the brethren of Spirit River Lodge who accompanied me on my various visits and the help they gave me in carrying out my duties.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. FILDES,
D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Chinook, April 26th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourteenth Masonic District for the year 1943-44.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to visit all the lodges in the district, and I wish to thank the brethren and you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office.

On my official visits I was received with courtesy and hospitality and I found the officers of all the lodges to be very capable in their work. I am sorry Most Worshipful Sir that owing to illness I was unable to fulfill my duties as I would have liked. Official visits were made to the lodges as follows:

August 10th, 1943—Craigmyle, No. 132, Craigmyoe, Alta.
August 11th, 1943—Hand Hill, No. 91, Delia, Alta.
August 25th, 1943—Berry Creek, No. 158, Pollockville, Alta.
October 5th, 1943—Oyen, No. 104, Oyen Alta.
November 30th, 1943—Crocus, No. 115, Chinook, Alta.
Dec. 6th, 1943—Hanna, No. 78, Hanna, Alta.
March 7th, 1944—Acadia, No. 82, Youngstown, Alta.

A spirit of good fellowship prevails in all the lodges, also a desire to fill their part in the times to come.

The District Meeting was held at Chinook on September 2nd, 1943, with a splendid attendance. In the afternoon reports from Masters of Lodges were heard and various other matters discussed. We were pleased to welcome you Most Worshipful Sir and our Grand Secretary, also R. W. Bro. Bond, and enjoyed the helpful talks that were given.

The election of the District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1944-45, resulted in Wor. Bro. W. Agar being the choice, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. The District Meeting to be held at Youngstown. R. W. Bro. Helmer was presented with the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. by the Most Wor. the Grand Master on behalf of District No. 14.

Masonry is in a healthy condition in District 14 and this year will see a decided increase in membership. Financially the lodges are in good shape.

And finally, I wish to thank the brethren who so kindly assisted me and accompanied me on my visits especially R. W. Bro. Bond, W. Bros. Hille and Westphal. I wish also to express my thanks to Wor. Bro. Targett for his capable work as District Secretary.

I bespeak for my successor the same co-operation and loyal support that was given me.

Fraternally submitted,

WILL W. WILSON,
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

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FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lousana, April 25th, 1944.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration my report on District No. 15 and the component lodges therein.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Trochu on August 31st. While the afternoon session was not too well attended especially at the beginning, the evening session was well attended. We were happy to have besides yourself, P.G.M. Galbraith and R. W. Bro. Ireland and the Grand Secretary, P.G.M. Geo. Moore, also several P.D.D.G.M.'s from District No. 15 and D.D.G.M. Stuart Wood from Bowden.

In the election of D.D.G.M. for 1944-45 W. Bro. A. A. Kidd, of St. Andrew's was unanimously elected. On the invitation of Acme Lodge the next district meeting is to be held at Acme.

OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Fidelity No. 76 Bashaw.—On October 12th in company with Bros. Kennedy and Boorse, I visited Fidelity Lodge, No. 76. This was the occasion of their annual Past Masters' Night, which is famed

in central Alberta. There were a large number of visitors, from Camrose, Stettler and other lodges. A first degree was put on and under the gavel of R. W. Bro. Lynn Wilson the work was well nigh perfect. This lodge is the largest in District No. 15, and they appear to be quite active. Their books are in good order, and their Historical Register is a work of art and literature, for which R. W. Bro. J. Marshall is responsible.

Acme Lodge No. 60.—I visited Acme Lodge, No. 60, in November, accompanied by a carload of Cavell brethren. No work was done but there was a good attendance. The lodge building is not finished inside but they are making strong efforts to get this done. It was of interest to note the several memorials to departed brethren. The officers do their work well and no doubt after the war they will show greater progress.

St. Andrew's No. 66.—On December 9th, with Cavell brethren, eleven in all, I visited St. Andrew's. No degree work was done, but the officers take a pride in doing the work well. No new members were initiated, young material being scarce. This lodge has no regular benevolent fund, but have recently instituted a Widows' and Orphans' fund which is collected at the "fourth". The lodge has a number of older members but lodge seems to be officered by the younger members. In all I would say that this lodge has good prospects and no doubt when the boys return it will grow.

Cypress Lodge No. 113.—On November 17th, with Bros. Leitch and Clarke, I visited Cypress Lodge, No. 113, at Three Hills. Cypress is a small lodge, but is quite active. They are perhaps unfortunate in that half of their members are non-resident. Their chief offices are filled by Past Masters and even P.D.D.G.M.'s. I understand that one of their chief activities is the collection and forwarding to the Woods' Home at Bowness of jams and vegetables. This year no doubt, due to rationing, they do not feel that they did so well, but I'm sure their efforts were appreciated. This lodge makes good use of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*, 28 copies being taken and mailed to the non-residents. Other lodges could well follow this example. The lodge room is rented and is very comfortable.

Cavell Lodge No. 125.—This being my own lodge, perhaps I shouldn't say too much. The lodge hall is rented and while small is quite comfortable. It is quite active and has a good attendance. At the April meeting only three of the resident members were absent. One of their annual affairs is a picnic at Pine Lake and is well attended. They also put on an annual dance. A recent good move was the setting up of a Good and Welfare Committee. This committee brings forward suggestions for improving lodge affairs in general. The recovery of this lodge from the dormant days of the thirties is remarkable and the prospects are very bright. Any work done is divided up among various Past Masters, the sitting Master taking the major part.

Irricana Lodge No. 137.—I again had company from Cavell No. 125 when I made an unannounced visit to Irricana. This may not have been quite fair, but on the other hand, there being no work, the attendance was perhaps more representative. The officers know their work, and the business of the evening was put through efficiently. The lodge is quite active and to have good prospects. They own their hall, and I am informed that at their May meeting they plan to burn

the mortgage, two years ahead of due date. They are certainly to be congratulated on such an achievement.

General.—I tried and succeeded in making my official visits before Christmas, thanks to the several Cavell brethren who provided cars and company. Throughout the District there appears to be an optimistic spirit, that after the war, when material returns, there should be a good growth.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren for the honor they gave me in electing me to this office, and I can only hope that I have to some extent been worthy of their trust. I want to extend also to my successor R. W. Bro. A. A. Kidd, my wishes for a prosperous and successful Masonic year as D.D.G.M.

Fraternally yours,

J. Y. GREENWOOD,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Drumheller, April 24th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I am pleased to submit herewith my report on the conditions and activities of Masonry in Masonic District Number 16 covering the Masonic year past. In this report, which is of necessity of a general nature, I have omitted statistical figures and amounts. These will be found in the Special Return attached hereto which is submitted for use of the Grand Lodge Committee on the "Condition of Masonry".

OFFICIAL VISITS

During my year of office as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 16, I found it possible to visit all the lodges in the district once in my official capacity, and in addition I visited the majority of the lodges several times unofficially. The dates of my official visits were as follows:

July 13th, 1943.—Carbon Lodge, No. 107, Carbon.
September 9th, 1943.—Symbol Lodge, No. 93, Drumheller.
September 21st, 1943.—Drumheller Lodge, No. 146, Drumheller.
October 7th, 1943.—Rockyford Lodge, No. 123, Rockyford.
October 11th, 1943.—Hussar Lodge, No. 130, Hussar.
November 15th, 1943.—Standard Lodge, No. 152, Standard.

On the occasion of my visits I was accorded at all times a most hearty and dignified welcome and I endeavored, Most Worshipful Sir, on your behalf, at these times to carry to the lodges visited, useful,

encouraging and instructive messages. These were at all times received with interest and enthusiasm so genuine, Most Worshipful Sir, that I can not help but feel that my endeavors, as your representative in Masonic District No. 16, have in some measure benefited the cause of Masonry. This statement is, I feel, somewhat borne out by the statistical return which I have furnished and which I have mentioned above. That statement without question shows the condition of Masonry in Masonic District No. 16 to be most healthy, progressive and encouraging, not only as to the financial position of the various lodges, which is good, but as to enthusiasm amongst the members and most important, net increases in membership. The last mentioned item I consider remarkable under present war conditions, when it is considered that there is absolutely no military or industrial activity due to war conditions taking place in any part of Masonic District No. 16.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Communication of Masonic District No. 16 was held at the Masonic Temple in Drumbeller on Wednesday, September 1st, 1943. While weather and road conditions were not all that might have been desired, there was nevertheless in attendance, a goodly and representative number of the brethren from all parts of the district. In addition the district was fortunate to have in attendance, yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, the Grand Secretary and Right Worshipful Brother Bond, Junior Grand Warden. Various matters relative to the condition and practices of Masonry were discussed, and the discussions proved both interesting and informative. After a pleasant banquet hour the evening session was held. This was highlighted by an address given by yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, and in addition the meeting was favored with a few well chosen words from Right Worshipful Brother Bond. During this session W. Bro. Christian Dahl, of Standard Lodge, No. 152, was duly elected to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, District No. 16, for the Masonic year 1944-45.

GENERAL

During my year of office as I have stated above I found the condition of Masonry in Masonic District No. 16 to be in a healthy and promising state. While a great deal of room for improvement in this direction still exists, the attendance at regular meetings by the brethren of the various lodges has shown encouraging signs of becoming more as it should be. Older members in a great many cases appear to have revived their interest in the work of the lodge, and new members, of which the number has been encouraging during the past year, have shown themselves to be most interested, ambitious and progressive. In addition the brethren and lodges as a whole seem fully alive to their responsibilities in these trying days and are generally firm in the opinion that the Masonic fraternity is willing and eager to justify its existence by shouldering its share of the economic burdens which are becoming more evident each day with the approach of the day when the present conflict will cease.

In closing, I wish to express my pleasure at having served as your representative, Most Worshipful Sir, for Masonic District 16, during the Masonic year just past. I should like also to convey to you, to the Grand Secretary and all other Grand Lodge officials, my sincere thanks for the assistance which you have so generously granted me during my term of office. In addition I owe a great deal to brethren from my own District No. 16 who have so faithfully assisted me in

the carrying out of these duties and who have given so generously of their time and labor. Especially might I mention R. W. Bro. James Weir of Symbol Lodge, who has been a tower of strength to myself and to Masonry as a whole in District No. 16. It has in that district, I firmly feel, been a year of Masonic progress.

Yours fraternally,

W. POXON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Viking, April 30th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is my duty and privilege to submit herewith my report for your consideration and approval the condition of Masonry in District No. 17, 1943-44.

I wish to thank all the brethren in my district for the splendid co-operation and warm welcome received on my official visits. Specially do I thank the brethren of Connaught No. 69, who accompanied me, particularly Bro. V. Harney who acted as District Secretary and Bro. W. J. Brown, W. Bro. W. Comisarow and W. Bro. N. C. Graham, who provided transportation—a truly Masonic act, during this period of restricted gasoline and rubber.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Sixteenth District Meeting was held in Viking, August 25th, 1943. The M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. G. Moore, honored us with their presence and instructed the gathering by their remarks during the meeting. The Grand Master's address was the high light of the evening session. The newly elected District Deputy W. Bro. Foryhan, extended an invitation to all at the next District Meeting to be held in Wainwright.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Buffalo Park, No. 44.—On April 13th, 1944, I officially visited the brethren of Wainwright. I had the pleasure of watching a First Degree capably presented. They seem to be suffering from insomnia and new blood would help considerably. The lodge with the largest membership, the largest hall and such poor attendance, badly needs a spark—and I hope that spark will be W. Bro. Foryhan, the new District Deputy-elect. They own their hall, completely paid for, and are in a good financial condition. Records of the lodge are well kept, but the Historical Register has been sadly neglected—regrettable because of such

extensive army activity in Wainwright just now. More use of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin* is heartily recommended.

Palestine, No. 46.—My official visit to Palestine, October 19th, 1943, was most enjoyable. It was my privilege to witness the First Degree presented by the regular officers in a most capable manner and at the same time hear Rev. W. Bro. Allan obligate his own son. Although the statistics show a decrease of two for the year, they have since made five Master Masons and are definitely on the up-grade. They rent their lodge hall and are in excellent financial condition. The records are well kept. The officers are keen on their work and we can look forward to an excellent report of Palestine next year.

Connaught, No. 69.—This being my home lodge, I had the pleasure of regular attendance, but my official visit was made March 14th, 1944, at which time a First Degree was presented by the regular officers in masterly form. The active interest by the Past Masters in this lodge is responsible for the enthusiasm. They rent their lodge hall exclusively, own \$1,700.00 in bonds and are in excellent financial condition. The records are exceptionally well kept, particularly the Historical Register, thanks to Bro. H. B. Collier. This book now contains over 75 typed pages with pictures and the life history of all the Past Masters, together with pictures and write-ups of local interest. They also instigated a traveling book which, aside from being all over most of Northern Alberta, has been to England, where signatures from Masons all over the world are recorded. Although Connaught had a decrease in membership by one, they have since received several applications for membership and are going ahead.

Dynamic, No. 96.—On April 5th, 1944, I officially visited Dynamic in their lovely lodge hall—the finest in the district and completely paid for. They show an increase of one for the year, but seem to have been hit hard by the war. At present they are having a hard struggle to continue, but they have an active group of Past Masters and I have no fear for their future. On the night of my visit a First Degree was capably presented but not by the regular officers. Unfortunately W. Bro. Sorjen has been suffering from a nervous breakdown and, although present at the meeting, could not conduct the degree. I have been assured that he is capable of doing the work satisfactorily. We pray for his speedy recovery. They are financially in good condition and the records are well kept. The meeting concluded with one of those famous “Irish Stew Dinners” provided by W. Bro. Joe Alexander.

Albion, No. 97.—I officially visited Albion, December 2nd, 1943, at a regular meeting. It was my pleasure to witness a First Degree, presented by the regular officers in a most excellent manner. Once again I note the success of a lodge largely due to the untiring interest of the Past Masters. They own their lodge hall and it is one of the best in the district—completely paid for. They make extensive use of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*. The records are kept in an excellent manner, except a neglect of the Historical Register. They have the highest percentage attendance in the district. Their finances are in good condition. I can look with confidence to the future of Masonry after my visit to Albion.

Edgerton, No. 102.—A highlight of my term as Deputy was the night of my official visit to Edgerton, November 1st, 1943. The regular officers presented three First Degrees with masterly precision. They have had an increase of membership by six and since the first of the

year are still going ahead. Their own their hall and it is completely free of debt. The records are excellently kept and the only lodge to have a Black Book properly kept. They are financially sound and have contributed generously to the Grand Master's fund. Masonry flourishes at Edgerton.

Gratton, No. 144.—On January 20th, 1944, I paid my official visit to the youngest lodge in the district. A First Degree was presented by the regular officers—the first in three years. New blood is sadly needed in this lodge and we hope the report next year will be better. They rent the lodge hall, are financially sound and the records are well kept. The membership is small and the struggle to carry on is a challenge to their members. More extensive use of the Grand Lodge *Bulletin* would help considerably.

You will notice from these reports I have had the opportunity to witness the First Degree at all lodges in the district. Although all lodges presented this degree in a notable manner, I wish to give special mention to the work done by Albion, Connaught, Edgerton and Palestine by their regular officers.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the district for electing me to the office of District Deputy Grand Master and for the courtesy with which I have been received during my term of office.

I sincerely hope W. Bro. Foryhan will have an interesting and profitable year.

Yours fraternally,

H. W. K. HILLIKER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Edmonton, June 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my Report as Grand Treasurer for
the twelve months ending April 30th, 1944.

GENERAL FUND

May 1st, 1943, Balance in Bank		\$ 6,692.50
Deposits	\$23,581.34	
Less Exchange	62.63	
		\$23,518.71
Less Cheques issued		\$30,211.21
		22,938.56
April 30th, 1944—Balance in Bank		\$ 7,272.65

RELIEF FUND

May 1st, 1943—Balance in Bank	\$ 5,543.32	
Deposits	12,634.46	
		\$18,177.78
Less Cheques issued	6,473.86	
Donated to Masonic War Distress Fund,		
1943	10,000.00	
Transfer to General Fund, 1944	1,000.00	
		17,473.86
April 30th, 1944—Balance in Bank		\$ 703.92

MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND

May 1st, 1943—Balance in Bank	\$ 7,131.96	
Deposits	25,877.54	
		\$33,009.50
Less Cheques issued		
		25,019.62
April 30th, 1944—Balance in Bank		\$ 7,989.88

A detailed account of Receipts and Disbursements is fully set forth
in the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,

Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by
R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134): "That the Report of the Grand
Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."



BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

28th July 1944.

Dear Sir

I am commanded by The King to convey to the Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta His Majesty's sincere thanks for their message of loyal assurances on the occasion of their Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

The King deeply appreciates such messages which, in times like the present, are a source of great encouragement to him.

Yours Truly

George Moore Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Masonic Temple,
12th Avenue West,
Calgary, Alta.

A. J. Asquith

The above letter has been received from His Majesty the King acknowledging the resolution of loyalty passed by Grand Lodge during the 39th Annual Communication held at Edmonton in June.

Report of Grand Secretary

Edmonton, June 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith the Thirty-Ninth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, together with a statement of monies received from Lodges and Lodge balances for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1944. A statement of Liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. Also included in this Report is a synopsis of the Returns of the several Lodges to December 31st, 1943; a statement of Certificates issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master, and transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

Five hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge. Two copies were sent to each Lodge, and in a few cases a third copy was sent on request of the Lodge. I regret to report the available copies were soon exhausted, and in consequence, a number of requests for additional copies could not be filled.

CONSTITUTIONS

At the beginning of the year some 185 copies of the Constitution were on hand, and an additional 520 were obtained from the printer, and I again have to report these were all sold. A considerable number of orders are on file, which cannot be filled until the Amendments to come before this Communication are decided upon, and a new issue printed. Prompt attention will be given to these when the books are available.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 362 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 37 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 112 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Red Deer, No. 12.....	Oct. 12, 1943
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Dec. 1, 1943
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Jan. 1, 1944
Lochearn, No. 151.....	Jan. 13, 1944
Commercial, No. 81.....	May 12, 1944

Amendments to By-Laws

Lochearn, No. 151.....	June 24, 1943
Spitzie, No. 6.....	Sept. 23, 1943
North Star, No. 4.....	Oct. 4, 1943
Unity, No. 51.....	Oct. 8, 1943
Oyen, No. 104.....	Oct. 18, 1943
Ionic, No. 45.....	Oct. 18, 1943
Wahpun, No. 88.....	Oct. 23, 1943
Patricia, No. 91.....	Dec. 8, 1943
Monitor, No. 120.....	Dec. 20, 1943
Rockyford, No. 123.....	Dec. 22, 1943
Victoria, No. 13.....	Jan. 5, 1944
King Hiram, No. 21.....	Jan. 15, 1944
Jasper, No. 14.....	Jan. 15, 1944
Sharon, No. 157.....	Jan. 28, 1944
Bassano, No. 55.....	Jan. 28, 1944
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Feb. 15, 1944
Bow Island, No. 64.....	Feb. 23, 1944
Pyramid, No. 108.....	Mar. 6, 1944
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	April 5, 1944
Chinook, No. 47.....	May 2, 1944
Unity, No. 53.....	May 8, 1944
Westlock, No. 114.....	May 17, 1944
Rocky Mountain, No. 86.....	May 26, 1944
Charity, No. 67.....	May 26, 1944
Cairo, No. 32.....	June 2, 1944
Onoway, No. 138.....	June 2, 1944
Verdigris, No. 100.....	June 3, 1944

DISPENSATIONS

There were 126 Dispensations issued as follows:

To wear Regalia at Divine Service.....	19
To Install and Invest out of time.....	47
To Elect out of time.....	8
To Elect and Invest out of time.....	3
To change regular night of meeting.....	13
To change regular hour of meeting.....	5
To invest out of time.....	8
To act without residence qualifications.....	5
To confer Degrees in less time than prescribed by Constitution...	5
To accept Petitions and initiate Candidates residing outside Lodge Jurisdiction.....	3
To call an Emergent Meeting on less than seven days' notice....	3
To act with physical defect.....	1

To withdraw application.....	2
To receive and act in less than constitutional time.....	1
To initiate a class of six.....	3

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Commissions of the M. W. the Grand Master, appointing Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the following Grand Lodges, on the recommendations of their respective Grand Masters, were issued:

Alabama.....	Wor. Bro. George Newell
Arizona.....	Wor. Bro. Gordon A. Peacock
New York.....	Wor. Bro. Leonard O. Gould

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Alberta, the following were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield.....	Grand Lodge of Nebraska
R. W. Bro. R. J. Gaunt.....	Grand Lodge of Rhode Island
R. W. Bro. Percy Cull.....	Grand Lodge of Tasmania

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Masonic Research and Education

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, *Chairman*; R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell; R. W. Bro. E. Stanley Tharp; R. W. Bro. John Booth; and R. W. Bro. Robert Douglas.

"The Work"

M. W. Bro. J. Martland, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, and M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis.

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, and M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. A. West, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. J. Martland, and M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. Robt. Little, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, and M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey.

Constitution

M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. W. M. Conacher and R. W. Bro. David Patterson.

Superannuation of Grand Secretary

R. W. Bro. William Ireland, *Chairman*; M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, and M. W. Bro. A. West.

MEMBERSHIP

Corrected Total Membership, December 31st, 194210,736

Increase

Initiated.....	391
Passed.....	367
Raised.....	353
Joined (Affiliated).....	126
Reinstated.....	104
Total Increase.....	621

Decrease

Dimitted.....	235
Suspended N.P.D.....	79
Died.....	179
Total Decrease.....	493
Net Increase ..	128
Total Membership, December 31st, 1943.....	10,864

MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND

I also beg to present for your consideration my report on the MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND for the past year.

The statement of Receipts and Payments included in the account of the Grand Lodge Auditor includes receipts which have already been included in my statement in Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1942-1943, and are shown separately therein. One payment, viz., that to the Navy League of Canada for \$5,000.00 made on June 25th, 1943, and included in the Auditor's statement, was also shown in my statement for last year, which was prepared to June 30th, 1943.

It has been decided by the Committee on Finance, on the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, that the accounts for this Fund shall coincide with the fiscal year of Grand Lodge, viz., April 30th. All monies received, therefore, since May 1st, 1944, will be credited to the 1944-45 Fund collections.

Receipts

Balance in Bank—May 1st, 1943.....	\$ 7,131.96
Transfer from Relief Fund.....	10,000.00
From Lodges—	
Period from May 1st to June 30th, 1943.....	10,843.39
Period from July 1st, 1943, to April 30th, 1944.....	5,034.15
	<u>\$33,009.50</u>

Disbursements

Navy League of Canada	\$ 5,000.00
Greek War Relief	2,500.00
Chinese War Relief	5,000.00
Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund	2,500.00
Purchase of Dominion of Canada Bonds	10,000.00
Bank Charges on collections	19.62
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1944	7,933.88
Cash on hand	56.00
	\$33,009.50

However, for your further information, collections during the month of May, 1944, amounted to \$3,465.71. Dominion of Canada Bonds to the value of \$8,000.00 were purchased, leaving a balance in the bank on May 31st, 1944, of \$3,453.89.

The following quotation from a letter recently received from the United Grand Lodge of England will no doubt prove of interest:

"Am glad to say that our War Relief Fund is adequate at the moment to meet the demands made upon it. The damage caused by recent enemy activity is not so widespread or so heavy as in 1941. The very generous donations we have received from the Canadian Grand Lodges and other overseas brethren, have enabled us to give much-needed assistance, and we are most grateful for this and for your sympathetic enquiries as to our well being."

I also wish to report that in June, 1942, a cheque from Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, for \$128.10, whilst correctly entered in Grand Lodge books, through an error in printing, was credited to another lodge, for which regrets are hereby expressed.

The Report showing donations by Lodges and Districts as from May 1st, 1943, to April 30th, 1944, follows, and for your further information, a Supplemental Report is appended showing the Donations received from May 1st, 1944, to June 30th, 1944. The contributions shown in the Supplemental Report will be credited to the current year's contributions.

MEMBERSHIP

It is gratifying to note that the total membership has increased by 128 during the year. This number would be considerably increased were it not that death and dismissions claimed so many members. It will be noted that Suspensions for N.P.D. have sharply declined, while Dimissions have slightly increased, owing to Earl Haig Lodge, No. 155, having surrendered its Charter, and whose 32 members are included in the list of Dimissions.

It was my very great privilege to accompany the M. W. Grand Master to all of the 17 District Meetings, at which the business side of matters dealing with Lodge and Grand Lodge were freely and informally discussed. This has proved very helpful all round, and I would like to express my sincere thanks for the co-operation which has resulted therefrom.

Semi-Annual Returns were a little slow coming in from a few Lodges, and I would request prompt attention to this very important matter.

I am somewhat concerned about the large number of copies of "The Work" which are constantly being mailed from this office, and the comparatively few that are returned. Lodge Secretaries and brethren in possession of these books should take the greatest care of them, and take steps to see that they are eventually returned to Grand Lodge. This is most important, as every copy sent out has to be registered, together with its number, the date mailed, and to whom issued. Copies that have become worn through constant use should be returned to Grand Lodge, so that they can be written off. The attention and co-operation of the brethren is very much desired in this particular matter.

REGALIA

In accordance with instructions issued by Grand Lodge last year, all Regalia belonging to Grand Lodge was called in for repairs, and with the exception of two or three sets, were sent to the Dominion Regalia Company for renovation. In view of the extreme difficulty in getting replacements, brethren who have regalia on loan are requested to take the greatest care possible of same.

Early in the year the Dominion Regalia Company advised that, due to base metal being frozen by the Dominion Government, they would be unable to supply any more sets. Search of the Grand Lodge office revealed that several old broken sets which had been discarded, were on hand. These were sent down to the Dominion Regalia Company for repair and renovation, and I am pleased to report that up to the present we have been able to supply the sets that were on order. It is very doubtful, however, if any more can be obtained until the restrictions are lifted. A credit of \$84.00 was allowed by the Dominion Regalia Company on these discarded collars.

I also wish to acknowledge receipt of an excellent Portrait of His Excellency, Lord Harewood, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, which was presented to Grand Lodge by M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis. This, together with the one presented last year by M. W. Bro. Ellis of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, make a very handsome pair of portraits which adorn the walls of Grand Lodge Office. Our sincere thanks are extended to M. W. Bro. Ellis for this generous gift.

The Grand Lodge Proceedings were somewhat late in reaching the Lodges last year. This was through no fault of the Grand Secretary's office, but was due to the inability of the printer to obtain competent labor, as well as supplies. Every effort will be made to see that the forthcoming issue will be in the hands of the Lodges at the earliest date possible.

The present supply of Constitutions is exhausted, and in view of the Amendments to come up at this Communication, it was felt wise to postpone reprinting until the Amendments were disposed of, so that they could be incorporated in the new issue. In the meantime

orders received from Lodges have been placed on file, and these will be forwarded as soon as available.

The outstanding balances of the Lodges are at a low figure—\$291.86—several of which have been reduced since the books were closed on April 30th.

I wish to thank the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers for their kindly help and co-operation at all times, and especially do I wish to extend my thanks to the Secretaries of Lodges, who, with one or two exceptions, were prompt in acknowledging mail and in forwarding Returns.

In conclusion, Brethren, may I say it is my desire to render you prompt and efficient service at all times, so that the Lodges can be well served. To this end your continued co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending April 30th, 1944

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Monies received between May 1st, 1943, and April 30th, 1944

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	\$279.01	44.	Buffalo Park.....	59.45
2.	Medicine Hat....	252.70	45.	Ionic.....	76.95
3.	Alberta.....	115.00	46.	Palestine.....	89.90
4.	North Star.....	194.55	47.	Chinook.....	54.90
5.	Cascade.....	146.15	48.	Crossfield.....	58.05
6.	Spitzie.....	120.45	49.	Robert Burns.....	44.50
7.	Edmonton.....	337.70	50.	Comet.....	53.35
8.	Innisfail.....	98.60	51.	Unity.....	446.84
9.	Perfection.....	374.85	53.	Strathmore.....	112.95
10.	Eureka.....	130.00	54.	Mount Lebanon..	216.50
11.	Acacia.....	279.85	55.	Bassano.....	73.45
12.	Red Deer.....	134.55	56.	Beaver.....	o9.55
13.	Victoria.....	48.50	57.	Grassy Lake.....	59.40
14.	Jasper.....	156.50	58.	Chief Mountain..	60.15
15.	Wetaskiwin....	111.45	59.	King George....	368.75
16.	Mountain View..	99.68	60.	Acme.....	72.60
17.	Nanton.....	111.90	61.	Provost.....	88.80
18.	Britannia.....	116.64	62.	Melrose.....	83.05
19.	Cornerstone....	196.63	63.	Empire.....	\$144.65
20.	Carstairs.....	52.10	64.	Bow Island.....	88.00
21.	King Hiram.....	95.00	65.	Diamond City....	25.60
22.	Corinthian....	195.46	66.	St. Andrew's....	72.62
23.	Calgary.....	236.60	67.	Charity.....	75.42
24.	Vermilion.....	164.10	68.	Edson.....	206.85
25.	St. John's.....	120.60	69.	Connaught.....	47.69
26.	Sentinel.....	75.95	70.	Quarry.....	50.65
27.	Apollo.....	148.94	71.	Tawatinaw.....	36.45
28.	Ashlar.....	191.65	72.	Coronation.....	74.22
29.	Kenilworth.....	133.82	73.	Brooks.....	139.45
30.	Summit.....	61.15	74.	Vulcan.....	96.85
31.	Doric.....	96.45	75.	Harmony.....	46.03
32.	Cairo.....	147.65	76.	Fidelity.....	115.59
33.	Stavely.....	68.40	77.	Stratheona.....	191.15
34.	Star of the West.	75.44	78.	Hanna.....	166.30
35.	Mizpah.....	193.10	79.	Morning Star....	39.00
36.	Gleichen.....	46.35	80.	Excelsior.....	29.45
37.	Camrose.....	116.74	81.	Commercial.....	230.65
38.	Hope.....	56.40	82.	Acadia.....	43.15
39.	Lethbridge.....	201.55	83.	Zetland.....	300.50
40.	Joppa.....	28.23	84.	Champion.....	53.65
41.	King Solomon....	95.10	86.	Rocky Mountain..	107.60
42.	Bowden.....	65.90	87.	Crescent.....	250.25
43.	Tuscan.....	60.74	88.	Wahpun.....	70.39

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
89.	Peace River.....	123.76	129.	Meridian.....	83.40
90.	Norwood.....	146.70	130.	Hussar.....	80.55
91.	Patricia.....	271.15	131.	Kitscoty.....	59.65
92.	Saskatchewan.....	175.55	132.	Craigmyle.....	33.75
93.	Symbol.....	208.80	133.	Manyberries.....	75.85
94.	Lamont.....	56.80	134.	Renfrew.....	183.60
95.	Kitchener.....	39.70	135.	Alliance.....	40.50
96.	Dynamic.....	60.34	136.	Cresset.....	46.70
97.	Albion.....	84.40	137.	Irricana.....	112.20
98.	Hand Hill.....	140.18	138.	Onoway.....	42.65
100.	Verdigris.....	74.35	140.	Big Valley.....	84.50
101.	West Edmonton ..	141.34	141.	Efficiency.....	81.55
102.	Edgerton.....	84.73	142.	Ivanhoe.....	253.35
103.	Foremost.....	76.75	143.	Jasper Park.....	139.90
104.	Oyen.....	100.70	144.	Gratton.....	35.20
105.	Grande Prairie....	114.01	145.	St. Alban's.....	68.30
106.	Lake Saskatoon...	48.05	146.	Drumheller.....	121.95
107.	Carbon.....	85.83	147.	Northland.....	102.14
108.	Pyramid.....	46.65	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	51.00
110.	Kilwinning.....	31.10	151.	Lochearn.....	147.00
111.	Nobleford.....	36.35	152.	Standard.....	43.57
113.	Cyprus.....	45.00	153.	Whitecourt.....	75.00
114.	Westlock.....	72.08	154.	Waskatenau.....	37.40
115.	Crocus.....	65.06	155.	Earl Haig.....	81.96
116.	Spirit River.....	71.00	156.	Hythe.....	55.40
117.	Dominion.....	216.30	157.	Sharon.....	51.14
118.	St. Mark's.....	145.30	158.	Berry Creek.....	43.25
119.	York.....	120.65	159.	Lucerne.....	57.38
120.	Monitor.....	49.85	160.	Sexsmith.....	80.65
121.	Clive.....	16.00	Masonic District No. 4.		95.00
122.	Rising Sun.....	42.35	Masonic District No. 7.		95.00
123.	Rockyford.....	57.80	Masonic District No. 8.		75.00
124.	Concord.....	188.42	Masonic District No. 13.		95.35
125.	Cavell.....	60.90	Sundry Accounts.....		22.92
126.	Pembina.....	41.95			
127.	Granite.....	111.85			
128.	Forestburg.....	53.75			
					<u>\$17,081.69</u>

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DEBIT BALANCES
As at April 30th, 1944

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2.	Medicine Hat...	\$ 8.00	29.	Kenilworth.....	2.80
3.	Alberta.....	5.05	30.	Summit.....	4.00
4.	North Star.....	1.00	31.	Doric.....	6.79
8.	Innisfail.....	3.90	32.	Cairo.....	3.55
9.	Perfection.....	1.50	34.	Star of the West..	5.11
12.	Red Deer.....	.20	36.	Gleichen.....	67.85
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	4.00	37.	Camrose.....	2.72
16.	Mountain View ..	.37	38.	Hope.....	.35
25.	St. John's.....	10.35	41.	King Solomon....	2.20
26.	Sentinel.....	10.00	43.	Tuscan.....	.10
28.	Ashlar.....	1.00	47.	Chinook.....	3.07

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
48.	Crossfield.....	5.80	111.	Nobleford.....	4.20
49.	Robert Burns.....	2.00	113.	Cyprus.....	7.80
50.	Comet.....	2.30	114.	Westlock.....	.50
51.	Unity.....	4.30	118.	St. Mark's.....	4.50
57.	Grassy Lake.....	.25	120.	Monitor.....	1.00
64.	Bow Island.....	.45	124.	Concord.....	4.00
66.	St. Andrews.....	.90	125.	Cavell.....	.25
67.	Charity.....	.15	126.	Pembina.....	2.00
71.	Tawatinaw.....	13.05	129.	Meridian.....	6.25
72.	Coronation.....	.47	134.	Renfrew.....	3.00
73.	Brooks.....	.55	136.	Cresset.....	3.35
74.	Vulcan.....	14.65	140.	Big Valley.....	9.65
79.	Morning Star.....	6.45	141.	Efficiency.....	.50
82.	Acadia.....	.20	143.	Jasper Park..	2.70
88.	Wahpun.....	10.05	144.	Gratton.....	.75
89.	Peace River.....	2.00	152.	Standard.....	.25
92.	Saskatchewan.....	1.50	154.	Waskatenau.....	.15
93.	Symbol.....	3.50	158.	Berry Creek.....	2.68
95.	Kitchener.....	.25	Masonic District No. 8.		74.75
98.	Hand Hill.....	14.25	Masonic District No. 9.		95.00
102.	Edgerton.....	6.65	Masonic District No. 13.		94.80
103.	Foremost.....	.45			
104.	Oyen.....	2.80			\$556.41
107.	Carbon.....	.80			
108.	Pyramid.....	.65			

CREDIT BALANCES
As at April 30th, 1944

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5.	Cascade.....\$	1.15	106.	Lake Saskatoon...	.50
6.	Spitzie.....	2.50	112.	Victory.....	35.79
13.	Victoria.....	.50	116.	Spirit River.....	6.05
19.	Cornerstone.....	1.00	117.	Dominion.....	2.00
20.	Carstairs.....	6.69	119.	York.....	3.95
21.	King Hiram.....	1.00	121.	Clive.....	16.00
22.	Corinthian.....	.65	127.	Granite.....	1.18
27.	Apollo.....	.30	130.	Hussar.....	4.15
33.	Stavely.....	1.13	133.	Manyberries.....	2.25
42.	Bowden.....	.30	137.	Irricana.....	.50
46.	Palestine.....	.65	142.	Ivanhoe.....	1.00
53.	Strathmore.....	5.00	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	.25
55.	Bassano.....	.95	149.	Rosebud.....	19.20
60.	Acme.....	3.05	153.	Whitecourt.....	10.25
61.	Provost.....	.65	155.	Earl Haig.....	62.41
63.	Empire.....	1.30	160.	Sexsmith.....	1.25
68.	Edson.....	.50	Masonic District No. 4.		95.00
70.	Quarry.....	1.60	Masonic District No. 5.		.60
76.	Fidelity.....	3.55	Masonic District No. 11.		.10
77.	Strathcona.....	13.90	Masonic District No. 12.		1.50
78.	Hanna.....	4.00	Masonic District No. 14.		1.25
84.	Champion.....	.65	Masonic District No. 15.		3.00
87.	Crescent.....	.65			
96.	Dynamic.....	3.22			\$328.87
100.	Verdigris.....	5.15			
105.	Grande Prairie....	.65			

AUDITOR'S REPORT

May 11th, 1944.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have audited the books of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. for the year ended 30th April, 1944, and now submit the following statements:

STATEMENT I --Balance Sheet at 30th April, 1944.

STATEMENT II --Revenue Account for the year ended 30th April, 1944.

STATEMENT III --Benevolent Fund Capital Account and Relief Fund Surplus Account for the year ended 30th April, 1944.

STATEMENT IV --Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the General Fund for the year ended 30th April, 1944.

STATEMENT V --Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 30th April, 1944 --Benevolent Fund, Relief Fund, Masonic School and Home Fund.

STATEMENT VI --Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Masonic War Distress Fund for the Year ended 30th April, 1944.

SCHEDULE I --List of Securities held at 30th April, 1944-- Benevolent Fund Investment Account, Relief Fund Investment Account, Masonic School and Home Fund, Masonic War Distress Fund.

I have verified the Bank Accounts by certificate from Managers of the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Bank of Montreal in Calgary.

In company with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, I attended at The Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, and examined the Securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and Relief Funds, Masonic School and Home Fund and Masonic War Distress Fund and have found the same to be in order.

The Revenue Account shows an Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year under review of \$1,683.92, after making due provision for depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures and Regalia.

The income received exceeds the amount estimated in the budget by the sum of \$526.20 and the expenses before provision for depreciation are less than the amount estimated by the sum of \$812.87, making a total cash saving from the budgeted amounts of \$1,339.07, from which there is to be deducted the provision for depreciation of \$195.15, leaving a net sum of \$1,143.92 by which the surplus for the year exceeds the amount budgeted for (\$540.00).

I further report that the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of Grand Lodge at 30th April, 1944, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. HOWARD,

Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet at 30th April, 1944

Statement I

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund:		General Fund:	
Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 8,272.65	Balances due Lodges	\$ 328.87
Cash on hand	.35	Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships	137.55
Balances due from Lodges	556.41		
Books, Stationery and Supplies on hand	915.35	Surplus Account:	
Regalia for resale - on hand	77.00	Balance at 1st May, 1943	\$ 9,905.80
Printing and Office Supplies on hand	477.98	Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,039.10	for year to date per Statement II	1,683.92
Regalia	717.30		11,589.72
	\$12,056.14		\$ 12,056.14
Benevolent Fund:		Benevolent Fund:	
Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 384.49	Capital Account (per Statement III)	190,914.76
Investments in Bonds at cost - (Par Value			
\$205,500.00) - (per Schedule 1)	190,530.27	Relief Fund:	
		Surplus Account - (per Statement III)	22,771.75
	\$190,914.76	Liability re Grand Lodge of Canada	4.06
Relief Fund:		Masonic War Distress Fund:	
Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 696.42	Amount available	22,775.81
Investment in Bonds at cost (per Sched. 1)	19,953.75		17,989.88
Accrued Interest	2,125.64		
	22,775.81		
Masonic War Distress Fund:		Masonic Home and School Fund:	
Balance at Bank of Montreal	\$ 7,933.88	Legacy from the Estate of the late W. Bro. Jas. Winn	107.50
Cash on hand	56.00		
Investment in Bonds	10,000.00		
	17,989.88		
Masonic Home and School Fund:			
Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 7.50		
Dominion Government Bond	100.00		
	107.50		
	\$243,844.09		
			\$243,844.09

Calgary, 11th May, 1944.

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in my report of this date, attached hereto.—H. E. HOWARD, C.A., Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M. Statement II**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For the year ended 30th April, 1944

Budget	Revenue	
\$ 8,100.00	Membership Fees.....	\$ 7,974.54
600.00	Initiation Fees.....	778.00
700.00	Certificate Fees.....	867.00
150.00	Dispensations.....	159.00
150.00	Affiliation Fees.....	122.00
\$ 9,700.00		\$ 9,900.54
	Life Membership Fees.....	55.46
	Sundries.....	25.59
	Sale of Old Regalia.....	84.00
	Supplies Sold.....	\$1,160.56
	Regalia Sold.....	625.00
	"Bulletins" Sold.....	488.93
		2,274.49
		\$12,340.08
	Cost of Supplies Sold.....	\$1,083.18
	Cost of Regalia Sold.....	591.20
	Cost of "Bulletins".....	439.50
		2,113.88
\$ 9,700.00		\$10,226.20

Expenditure

OFFICE EXPENSES:		
\$ 4,500.00	Salaries.....	\$4,248.16
1,140.00	Rent and Light.....	1,140.00
250.00	Telephone and Telegrams.....	196.38
400.00	Postage and Express.....	507.17
100.00	Office Supplies.....	63.68
60.00	Exchange.....	65.80
100.00	General Expense.....	88.64
	Unemployment Insurance.....	16.89
200.00	Repair Regalia—Cases.....	30.00
	Rent of Safety Deposit Box.....	20.00
6,750.00		\$6,376.72
PRINTING, Etc.:		
1,500.00	Printing.....	\$1,077.48
25.00	Insurance.....	26.10
60.00	Research and "Bulletin".....	
		1,103.58
TRAVELLING EXPENSES:		
800.00	Grand Master.....	700.00
400.00	Grand Officers.....	287.31
		987.31

Statement II—Continued**GRAND LODGE EXPENSE:**

350.00	Annual Communication.....	\$ 387.42	
200.00	Presentation Regalia.....	287.82	
75.00	Western Conference.....	124.30	
			799.54
	Expense re Masonic War Distress Fund.....		79.98
<u>\$10,160.00</u>	Carried Forward.....	\$ 9,347.13	

Budget**Revenue**

<u>\$ 9,700.00</u>	Brought forward.....	<u>\$10,226.20</u>
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Expenditure

<u>\$10,160.00</u>	Brought Forward.....	\$ 9,347.13
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DEPRECIATION:

	Furniture and Fixtures.....	\$ 115.45	
	Regalia.....	79.70	
			195.15

		\$ 9,542.28
<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	Less Allowance from Relief Fund.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
<u>\$ 9,160.00</u>		\$ 8,542.28
540.00	Excess of Income over Expenditure, carried to	
	Balance Sheet (Statement I).....	1,683.92
<u>\$ 9,700.00</u>		<u>\$10,226.20</u>

Statement III

**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

For the year ending 30th April, 1944

By Balance at 1st May, 1943.....	\$190,815.18	
Affiliation Fees.....	96.00	
Interest on Savings.....	3.58	
To Balance, carried to Balance Sheet (Statement I).....	\$190,914.76	
	<u>\$190,914.76</u>	<u>\$190,914.76</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30th April, 1944

By Balance at 1st May, 1943.....	\$ 27,808.78	
Interest on Bonds—net.....	6,913.74	
United States Premiums —less Tax Deductions.....	43.56	
Membership Fees.....	4,983.05	
Interest on Savings.....	46.28	
Refunds of Advances and Grants.....	450.20	
To Payments to Beneficiaries.....	\$ 6,473.86	
Transfer to Masonic War Distress Fund..	10,000.00	
Allowance to General Fund.....	1,000.00	
Balance, carried to Balance Sheet (Statement I).....	22,771.75	
	<u>\$ 40,245.61</u>	<u>\$ 40,245.61</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement IV

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 30th April, 1944

RECEIPTS		GENERAL FUND		DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance at Bank, 1st May, 1943.....		\$ 6,692.50		Salaries.....	\$ 4,248.16
Receipts from Lodges.....		17,081.69		Printing.....	1,163.56
Sale of Old Regalia.....		84.00		Rent and Light.....	1,140.00
Transfer from Relief Fund.....		1,000.00		Postage and Express.....	507.17
				Office Supplies.....	63.68
				Telephone and Telegrams.....	196.38
				Insurance.....	26.10
				Exchange.....	65.80
				General Expense.....	88.64
				Unemployment Insurance.....	16.89
				Safety Deposit Box.....	20.00
				Repair Regalia—Cases.....	30.00
					<u>\$ 7,566.38</u>
				Travelling Expenses:	
				Grand Master.....	\$ 700.00
				Grand Officers.....	287.31
				Western Conference—G. L. Officers..	124.20
					<u>1,111.61</u>
				Grand Lodge Expenses:	
				Annual Communication, Calgary.....	\$ 387.42
				Presentation Regalia.....	287.82
					<u>675.24</u>
				Regalia for Resale.....	\$ 668.20
				Books & Stationery for Resale.....	965.23
				Bulletin Expense.....	439.50
					<u>2,072.93</u>
				Transfers: Relief Fund.....	\$ 4,983.05
				Benevolent Fund.....	96.00
					<u>5,079.05</u>
				Expense re Masonic War Distress Fund.....	79.98
					<u>\$ 16,585.19</u>
				Balance at 30th April, 1944—	
				At Bank.....	\$ 8,272.65
				On hand.....	.35
					<u>8,273.00</u>
					<u>\$ 24,858.19</u>
					<u>\$ 24,858.19</u>

Statement V

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
 STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 For the year ended 30th April, 1944

BENEVOLENT FUND**Receipts**

Balance at Bank 1st May, 1943.....	\$10,284.91
Affiliation Fees.....	96.00
Interest on Savings.....	3.58
	\$10,384.49

Disbursements

Dominion of Canada Bonds purchased.....	\$10,000.00
Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia, 30th April, 1944.....	384.49
	\$10,384.49

RELIEF FUND**Receipts**

Balance at Bank 1st May, 1943.....	\$ 5,540.32
Interest on Bonds—net.....	7,106.87
United States Premium—less tax deductions.....	43.56
Interest on Savings Account.....	46.28
Receipts from Lodges on account of Beneficiaries.....	450.20
Membership Fees (per capita).....	4,983.05
	\$18,170.28

Disbursements

Cheques issued to Beneficiaries.....	\$ 6,473.86
Allowance to General Fund.....	1,000.00
Transfer to Masonic War Distress Fund.....	10,000.00
Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia, 30th April, 1944.....	696.42
	\$18,170.28

MASONIC SCHOOL AND HOME FUND**Receipts**

Balance at Bank 1st May, 1943.....	\$ 3.00
Interest on Bond.....	4.50
	\$ 7.50
Balance at Bank of Nova Scotia, 30th April, 1944.....	\$ 7.50

Statement VI**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND****STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the year ended 30th April, 1944****Receipts**

Balance at Bank, 1st May, 1943.....	\$ 7,131.96
Transfer from Relief Fund.....	10,000.00
From Lodges:	
Period from 1st May to 30th June, 1943.....	10,843.39
Period from 1st July, 1943, to 30th April, 1944.....	5,034.15
	\$33,009.50

Disbursements

Navy League of Canada.....	\$ 5,000.00
Greek War Relief.....	2,500.00
Chinese War Relief.....	5,000.00
Red Cross—Prisoners of War Fund.....	2,500.00
Purchase of Dominion of Canada Bonds.....	10,000.00
Bank Charges on Collections.....	19.62
Balance at 30th April, 1944 -	
At Bank.....	7,933.88
On hand.....	56.00
	\$33,009.50

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Schedule 1

List of Securities held at 30th April, 1944

BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

	<i>Rate of Interest</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Annual Interest</i>	<i>Accrued Interest</i>
Dominion of Canada:					
March 15 (Perpetual)	3 %	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 22,765.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 165.74
June 15, 1951	3 %	500.00	500.00	15.00	6.62
November 1, 1958	4½ %	5,000.00	5,000.00	225.00	112.50
November 1, 1959	4½ %	5,000.00	5,000.00	225.00	112.50
May 1, 1957	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	150.00
		\$ 44,500.00	\$ 43,265.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 547.36
Province of Alberta:					
January 1st, 1948	5 %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 82.19
October 15th, 1954	4½ %	13,000.00	12,545.00	292.50	36.86
October 1st, 1956	4½ %	5,000.00	5,062.50	112.50	18.80
October 1st, 1958	4½ %	2,000.00	1,787.60	45.00	7.52
May 1st, 1960	4½ %	5,000.00	3,912.50	112.50	56.25
June 1st, 1967	4½ %	24,000.00	23,734.70	540.00	224.88
May 1st, 1960	4½ %	500.00	480.00	11.25	5.62
September 1st, 1955	5 %	61,500.00	59,100.75	1,537.50	256.95
		\$121,000.00	\$115,923.05	\$2,901.25	\$ 689.07
City of Calgary:					
January 1st, 1962	4½ %	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,342.22	\$1,810.00	\$ 596.71
TOTAL		\$205,500.00	\$190,530.27		

RELIEF FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada:					
March 1st, 1954	3 %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00
June 15th, 1951	3 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	33.75
November 1st, 1958	4½ %	2,500.00	2,466.25	112.50	56.25
November 1st, 1956	4½ %	5,000.00	5,487.50	225.00	112.50
November 1st, 1956	3 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	45.00
		\$ 18,500.00	\$ 18,953.75	\$ 667.50	\$ 272.50
City of Calgary:					
January 1st, 1962	5 %	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00
TOTAL		\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,953.75	\$6,913.75	\$2,125.64

MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

Dominion of Canada:				
June 15th, 1951	3 %	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3.00

MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND

Dominion of Canada:				
January 1st, 1959	3 %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 300.00

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28): "That the Report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

STATEMENT OF DONATIONS TO THE MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND

July 1st, 1943, to April 30th, 1944

DISTRICT No. 1

1	Bow River.....	Calgary.....	
5	Cascade.....	Banff.....	
9	Perfection.....	Calgary.....	\$ 246.00
23	Calgary.....	Calgary.....	139.30
28	Ashlar.....	Calgary.....	132.50
36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen.....	
41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane.....	
48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield.....	
53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore.....	
54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary.....	190.50
59	King George.....	Calgary.....	76.90
83	Zetland.....	Calgary.....	
87	Crescent.....	Calgary.....	
118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary.....	
124	Concord.....	Calgary.....	
134	Renfrew.....	Calgary.....	
			\$ 785.20

DISTRICT No. 2

2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat.....	133.00
35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat.....	40.00
55	Bassano.....	Bassano.....	25.00
57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake.....	
64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island.....	
70	Quarry.....	Redcliff.....	
73	Brooks.....	Brooks.....	69.00
133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries.....	85.00
			\$ 352.00

DISTRICT No. 3

7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton.....	\$ 98.00
15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin.....	73.00
34	Star of the West.....	Leduc.....	
51	Unity.....	Edmonton.....	580.00
68	Edson.....	Edson.....	165.49
81	Commercial.....	Edmonton.....	92.12
129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain.....	
143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper.....	
			\$ 1,008.61

DISTRICT No. 4

8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail.....	\$ 17.00
10	Eureka.....	Lacombe.....	
12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer.....	122.50
16	Mountain View.....	Olds.....	
18	Britannia.....	Ponoka.....	138.00
20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs.....	
21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury.....	24.00
29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer.....	200.00
42	Bowden.....	Bowden.....	
95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey.....	61.00
151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House.....	205.50
			\$ 768.00

DISTRICT No. 5

37	Camrose.....	Camrose.....	\$ 47.00
43	Tuscan.....	Killam.....	36.50
50	Comet.....	Hardisty.....	
61	Provost.....	Provost.....	
62	Melrose.....	Bawlf.....	
75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick.....	
79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed.....	
80	Excelsior.....	Strome.....	
128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg.....	
135	Alliance.....	Alliance.....	
141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden.....	128.00
			\$ 211.50

DISTRICT No. 6

17	Nanton.....	Nanton.....	\$ 43.00
19	Cornerstone.....	High River.....	125.00
22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks.....	
32	Cairo.....	Claresholm.....	250.00
33	Stavely.....	Stavely.....	
40	Joppa.....	Granum.....	
			\$ 418.00

DISTRICT No. 7

4	North Star.....	Lethbridge.....	
31	Doric.....	Taber.....	37.00
39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge.....	
58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston.....	
65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst.....	
67	Charity.....	Lethbridge.....	29.82
100	Verdigris.....	Milk River.....	
103	Foremost.....	Foremost.....	
119	York.....	Lethbridge.....	
157	Sharon.....	Picture Butte.....	25.00
159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall.....	35.00
			\$ 126.82

DISTRICT No. 8

3	Alberta.....	Macleod.....	\$ 8.00
6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek.....	
26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest.....	

30	Summit.....	Coleman.....
47	Chinook.....	Cowley.....
86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore.....

\$ 8.00

DISTRICT No. 9

27	Apollo.....	Stettler.....	\$ 100.00
45	Ionic.....	Alix.....	100.00
56	Beaver.....	Castor.....	
72	Coronation.....	Coronation.....	39.00
120	Monitor.....	Consort.....	
122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby.....	
140	Big Valley.....	Rumsey.....	

\$ 239.00

DISTRICT No. 10

11	Acacia.....	Edmonton.....	\$ 90.00
13	Victoria.....	Fort Saskatchewan.....	
24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion.....	
25	St. John's.....	Vegreville.....	
38	Hope.....	Mannville.....	33.32
63	Empire.....	Edmonton.....	
90	Norwood.....	Edmonton.....	
94	Lamont.....	Lamont.....	11.50
110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree.....	
117	Dominion.....	Edmonton.....	100.00
131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty.....	
145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul.....	
154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau.....	30.00

\$ 264.82

DISTRICT No. 11

49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay.....	
74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan.....	
84	Champion.....	Champion.....	48.00
108	Pyramid.....	Lomond.....	
111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford.....	
127	Granite.....	Blackie.....	2.85
136	Cresset.....	Barons.....	

\$ 50.85

DISTRICT No. 12

12	Jasper.....	Edmonton.....	
71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca.....	
77	Strathecona.....	Edmonton.....	
91	Patricia.....	Edmonton.....	
92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton.....	162.38
101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton.....	
114	Westlock.....	Westlock.....	
126	Pembina.....	Sangudo.....	
138	Onoway.....	Onoway.....	
142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton.....	
148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe.....	
153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt.....	

\$ 162.38

DISTRICT No. 13

88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie.....	
89	Peace River.....	Peace River.....	
105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie.....	
106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley.....	25.00
116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River.....	73.50
147	Northland.....	Fairview.....	45.00
156	Hythe.....	Hythe.....	
160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith.....	55.00
			\$ 198.50

DISTRICT No. 14

78	Hanna.....	Hanna.....	
82	Acadia.....	Youngstown.....	12.00
98	Hand Hill.....	Delia.....	
104	Oyen.....	Oyen.....	19.72
115	Crocus.....	Chinook.....	51.75
132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle.....	
158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville.....	
			\$ 83.47

DISTRICT No. 15

60	Acme.....	Acme.....	
66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu.....	
76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw.....	34.00
113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills.....	
125	Cavell.....	Delburne.....	
137	Irricana.....	Irricana.....	
			\$ 34.00

DISTRICT NO. 16

93	Symbol.....	Drumheller.....	19.50
107	Carbon.....	Carbon.....	
123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford.....	10.00
130	Hussar.....	Hussar.....	67.50
146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller.....	7.00
152	Standard.....	Standard.....	22.00
			\$ 126.00

DISTRICT No. 17

44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright.....	\$ 50.00
46	Palestine.....	Tofield.....	
69	Connaught.....	Viking.....	46.50
96	Dynamic.....	Holden.....	37.00
97	Albion.....	Chauvin.....	53.50
102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton.....	
144	Gratton.....	Irma.....	
			\$ 187.00

			\$ 5,024.15
Mrs. Kilgour and Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix.....			10.00
			\$ 5,034.15

**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF DONATIONS TO THE
MASONIC WAR DISTRESS FUND**

May 1st, 1944, to June 30th, 1944

DISTRICT No. 1

1	Bow River	Calgary	\$ 69.00
5	Cascade	Banff	
9	Perfection	Calgary	205.30
23	Calgary	Calgary	
28	Ashlar	Calgary	111.00
36	Gleichen	Gleichen	
41	King Solomon	Cochrane	100.00
48	Crossfield	Crossfield	80.00
53	Strathmore	Strathmore	
54	Mount Lebanon	Calgary	62.00
59	King George	Calgary	
83	Zetland	Calgary	323.00
87	Crescent	Calgary	
118	St. Mark's	Calgary	29.00
124	Concord	Calgary	174.50
134	Renfrew	Calgary	91.50
			\$ 1,245.30

DISTRICT No. 2

2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat	
35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat	37.00
55	Bassano	Bassano	
57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake	43.00
64	Bow Island	Bow Island	
70	Quarry	Redcliff	
73	Brooks	Brooks	88.00
133	Manyberries	Manyberries	
			\$ 168.00

DISTRICT No. 3

7	Edmonton	Edmonton	
15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin	
34	Star of the West	Leduc	50.50
51	Unity	Edmonton	40.00
68	Edson	Edson	
81	Commercial	Edmonton	87.38
129	Meridian	Stony Plain	100.00
143	Jasper Park	Jasper	126.00
			\$ 403.88

DISTRICT No. 4

8	Innisfail	Innisfail	
10	Eureka	Lacombe	130.00
12	Red Deer	Red Deer	
16	Mountain View	Olds	177.00
18	Britannia	Ponoka	
20	Carstairs	Carstairs	
21	King Hiram	Didsbury	65.00
29	Kenilworth	Red Deer	50.00
42	Bowden	Bowden	32.00

95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey.....	5.00
151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House.....	
			\$ 459.00

DISTRICT No. 5

37	Camrose.....	Camrose.....	
43	Tuscan.....	Killam.....	
50	Comet.....	Hardisty.....	
61	Provost.....	Provost.....	35.00
62	Melrose.....	Bawlf.....	
75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick.....	55.00
79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed.....	46.50
80	Excelsior.....	Strome.....	
128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg.....	43.00
135	Alliance.....	Alliance.....	
141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden.....	
			\$ 179.50

DISTRICT No. 6

17	Nanton.....	Nanton.....	
19	Cornerstone.....	High River.....	125.00
22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks.....	162.00
32	Cairo.....	Claresholm.....	
33	Stavely.....	Stavely.....	87.50
40	Joppa.....	Granum.....	
			\$ 374.50

DISTRICT No. 7

4	North Star.....	Lethbridge.....	\$ 214.50
31	Doric.....	Taber.....	71.00
39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge.....	81.50
58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston.....	66.50
65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst.....	21.50
67	Charity.....	Lethbridge.....	12.50
100	Verdigris.....	Milk River.....	35.00
103	Foremost.....	Foremost.....	65.00
119	York.....	Lethbridge.....	52.00
157	Sharon.....	Picture Butte.....	14.50
159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall.....	
			\$ 634.00

DISTRICT No. 8

3	Alberta.....	Macleod.....	\$ 139.50
6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek.....	
26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest.....	113.00
30	Summit.....	Coleman.....	
47	Chinook.....	Cowley.....	17.50
86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore.....	55.50
			\$ 325.50

DISTRICT No. 9

27	Apollo.....	Stettler.....	
45	Ionic.....	Alix.....	
56	Beaver.....	Castor.....	100.00
72	Coronation.....	Coronation.....	16.00

120	Monitor.....	Consort.....	27.11
122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby.....	
140	Big Valley.....	Rumsey.....	75.00
			\$ 218.11

DISTRICT No. 10

11	Acacia.....	Edmonton.....	\$ 300.00
13	Victoria.....	Fort Saskatchewan.....	
24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion.....	100.00
25	St. John's.....	Vegreville.....	
38	Hope.....	Mannville.....	
63	Empire.....	Edmonton.....	75.00
90	Norwood.....	Edmonton.....	131.72
94	Lamont.....	Lamont.....	
110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree.....	
117	Dominion.....	Edmonton.....	71.00
131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty.....	56.00
145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul.....	
154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau.....	
			\$ 733.72

DISTRICT No. 11

49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay.....	\$ 27.00
74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan.....	205.00
84	Champion.....	Champion.....	6.00
108	Pyramid.....	Lomond.....	36.00
111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford.....	30.00
127	Granite.....	Blackie.....	108.25
136	Cresset.....	Barons.....	40.00
			\$ 452.25

DISTRICT No. 12

14	Jasper.....	Edmonton.....	\$ 200.00
71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca.....	
77	Strathcona.....	Edmonton.....	76.50
91	Patricia.....	Edmonton.....	130.61
92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton.....	267.59
101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton.....	100.00
114	Westlock.....	Westlock.....	
126	Pembina.....	Sangudo.....	
138	Onoway.....	Onoway.....	
142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton.....	276.25
148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe.....	
153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt.....	
			\$ 1,050.95

DISTRICT No. 13

88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie.....	\$ 80.00
89	Peace River.....	Peace River.....	
105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie.....	

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106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley.....	11.00
116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River.....	
147	Northland.....	Fairview.....	
156	Hythe.....	Hythe.....	
160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith.....	22.00
			\$ 113.00

DISTRICT No. 14

78	Hanna.....	Hanna.....	
82	Acadia.....	Youngstown.....	34.00
98	Hand Hill.....	Delia.....	
104	Oyen.....	Oyen.....	
115	Crocus.....	Chinook.....	6.50
132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle.....	36.00
158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville.....	65.85
			\$ 142.35

DISTRICT No. 15

60	Acme.....	Acme.....	
66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu.....	
76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw.....	3.50
113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills.....	52.00
125	Cavell.....	Delburne.....	
137	Irricana.....	Irricana.....	80.02
			\$ 135.52

DISTRICT No. 16

93	Symbol.....	Drumheller.....	
107	Carbon.....	Carbon.....	72.50
123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford.....	31.00
130	Hussar.....	Hussar.....	
146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller.....	73.00
152	Standard.....	Standard.....	
			\$ 176.50

DISTRICT No. 17

44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright.....	
46	Palestine.....	Tofield.....	38.50
69	Connaught.....	Viking.....	
96	Dynamic.....	Holden.....	
97	Albion.....	Chauvin.....	40.50
102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton.....	79.50
144	Gratton.....	Irma.....	50.00
			\$ 208.50
			\$ 7,020.58

ADDRESS

By M. W. Bro. S. J. BRANION

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

One hardly knows how to express the feelings of pleasure that a gathering such as this arouses. I bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I think of the very kind feelings that Alberta and Saskatchewan have for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. It was our mother lodge, and that Grand Lodge gave up its right at the time our Grand Jurisdictions were formed. We thank them for the interest it has shown in our progress since that time. I appreciate very much all the kindnesses, the arrangements made for the pleasure of us, and I was glad to be with you yesterday in your primary gathering. You are to be congratulated on what Bro. Downey had to say about the size of this gathering. There is an air of prosperity about you that is very gratifying. We sense in Saskatchewan a feeling that ought to be considered. With the increase in numbers such as you have, and with the prospect of more applications, great care should be exercised in the selection of the kind of material we take into our lodges. I have had this driven home to me just recently. At a meeting of the Grand Masters held in Washington last month, one of the Grand Masters said one of the problems facing Masons today is to see that improper material was not admitted as it was after the last great war, and the recovery of the esteem in which Masonry was held a quarter of a century ago. That was a Grand Master speaking to a meeting of Grand Masters. I do not think myself we can take those two problems as seriously as that Grand Master did, but, nevertheless, it was something that I thought I should pass along to my own brethren in Saskatchewan, and I make bold to pass it along to you.

I want to bring you a Masonic message, and a Masonic message is always simple, but profound. So simple anyone might learn, and so profound that up to the present time the world has refused to learn to express that message. Thirty-two years ago, in Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, there was a professor named John Wilson. One day in a class room, two years before the first great war, he said: "Gentlemen, a serious thing has happened in Europe. Official Germany has abandoned a spiritual interpretation of the world, and has adopted a materialistic interpretation of the world. History does not always repeat itself, but it has a habit of doing so. If that thought is not abandoned, rivers of blood will flow before this great wrong in the world of thought is righted." That man had said that in this world there is a principal of right and not right, and a principal of light and not light, and that this world somehow, in the long run has a bias in favor of the right. That is, this world was built by a great architect that punishes vice and rewards virtue, and so in this mighty conflict in which we are engaged today, we, of the Western Hemisphere, are hopefully right. The totalitarian nations with all their might are hopelessly wrong. There is the thing again—right and wrong and light and darkness. The totalitarian nations must turn about. The more they learn of that kind of life, the worse off they are. The more we learn, the better off we are. The way of the just is as to the light of dawn which shineth more and more into the prospective day, and we, however humble, can apply this to ourselves in this great conflict. And so that is the important thing for the world, that there is a God

of right and wrong, and it is where Masonry is, at the very heart of those things, because after all, what the world depends upon is good men, being of good will, to make good will prevail in the world, and the measure of the value of Freemasonry, here and everywhere, is again not always placed where it should be placed. A Grand Lodge, however august, does not measure the value of Freemasonry. Fine lodge rooms with fine furniture do not measure the value of Freemasonry. A ritual, however beautiful, does not mark the value of Freemasonry. The value of Freemasonry is measured in the quality of the men who go to their homes better fathers, husbands and brothers; by the number of men who go out into their own town and make better citizens because they are Masons. The same thing applies in provincial and national affairs. It is the measure of Masonry. That is what will help to make our mark. The righteousness of national life lies here and the sum total of the righteousness of its citizens. That is the message I wish to bring.

I appreciate being with you, and will carry back to Saskatchewan your good wishes. I will go back heartened, and we, with you, will endeavor to spread brotherhood and the brotherly handclasp in the neighborhoods in which we all live.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Edmonton, June 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary on June 10th, 1943, immediately following the close of Grand Lodge, a full quorum of members being present with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair. The officers and chairman of the several committees were unanimously elected and the personnel of the committees left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to name in accordance with the Constitution. The Board then adjourned to meet in the city of Edmonton on Tuesday, June 13, 1944, when all matters pertaining to the several committees were distributed and dealt with.

A letter was read from Concord Lodge, No. 124, suggesting the formation of a Blood Bank to be used in cases where necessary in the Hospitals throughout the province. We thank Concord Lodge for drawing this to our attention and suggest that the Lodges be requested to ask their members to have themselves examined and recorded for the purpose of finding what category their blood would be under and that where cases are found in which the patient cannot pay the usual fee, application should be made to the Grand Lodge Relief fund.

The several reports of the committees of the Board were considered and will be presented to you for your approval at this communication.

In view of the report of the committee on the revision of the constitution, it was deemed advisable that the standard code of By-laws should be examined with the view to bring them into line with the Constitution as amended. It is recommended that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee for this purpose and that the committee of Finance be authorized to have printed as many copies as be deemed advisable.

Your Board gave consideration to a proposal to change the name of the Masonic War Distress Fund to the Masonic Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund. Considerable discussions ensued and the following resolution was submitted:

"That this Board recommends to Grand Lodge that the purpose of the Masonic War Distress Fund be extended to include War Rehabilitation work and that the funds of the Masonic War Distress Fund be made available to the Grand Master for such extended purpose."

At the suggestion of Concord Lodge we recommend that separate Memorial Pages be set aside, giving the names of honored dead while serving His Majesty's Forces, from any cause whatsoever, and who at the time were members of the Craft, and the same to date back to the start of the war so that a complete list may be published.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28): "That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Board regrets the serious and continued illness of one of its most valued and active members in the person of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell. We hope and pray for his full and speedy recovery, while expressing our sympathy with his family during this trying period. During his absence, M. W. Bro. A. West has consented to carry on for him temporarily.

In the last year we have held ten meetings, and distributed grants to the extent of \$6,473.86, which included \$450.20 paid on behalf of constituent Lodges. We lost seven of our beneficiaries by death, and grants to five others were discontinued as their condition improved. Fifteen new cases came up for consideration, and were satisfactorily disposed of by grants or allowances, as circumstances demanded. In one instance, a small amount granted some years ago was repaid.

On account of an increase in Old Age Pensions, it became necessary to adjust some of the grants to our beneficiaries in order to comply with the Government regulations regarding permissible income. This, to some extent, accounts for the reduction in total grants during the year, but your Board is in entire sympathy with these old people, and in case of any special hardship is willing to discuss any case fully with the Lodge concerned.

It seems necessary to point out to some of the brethren that cases of distress should be reported to the Master or Secretary of their Lodge, and not direct to the Board of Benevolence. The principal Officers of the Lodge are best equipped to make preliminary enquiries, apart altogether from the rules and regulations in this respect. There seems also to be a mistaken impression among some brethren that Life Members automatically become a charge on Grand Lodge, although it is generally known that the granting of life Membership relieves no Lodge of its responsibilities. In the opinion of your Board, Life Membership should be conferred only under special circumstances, and not merely to evade the responsibility of suspending a member for non-payment of dues, as was done in a case which brought this matter to our attention.

Apparently we are passing through a period of prosperity, and we consider it advisable to remind the lodges that now is the time to build up reserves for benevolent purposes. It is expected that exceptional demands will arise at the close of the war, in regard to rehabilitation of members, or their dependents, returning from overseas. A Committee is at present working with a view to assuming our full share in this great responsibility, and all Lodges should stand prepared to do their share when called upon.

The value of reserves may, perhaps, be indicated by a survey of our own operations. In the past twenty-five years, we have distributed \$258,018.03 or an average of slightly more than \$10,000.00 per year. This does not take into account the contributions made by Lodges to beneficiaries (which, in ordinary circumstances, would amount to a similar figure), nor does it include individual contributions made by the brethren to the Masonic War Distress Fund. Our Capital Fund remains intact, and we have a substantial surplus in Relief Fund Account.

In conclusion, we would express our appreciation of the close co-operation given by the Grand Secretary and the various Lodges. Once again also we acknowledge our debt of gratitude to those who work so freely for us in other Jurisdictions. It is comforting to know that wherever our distressed brethren may be, there exists that true spirit of Freemasonry which leads men to devote their time and efforts to the service of others. To them no task appears too great—no incident too small.

Fraternally submitted,

F. V. TRUESDALE,

President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23): "That the Report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

May 1st, 1943, to April 30th, 1944

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. A.	\$ 120.00	Bro. G. F. E.	\$ 90.00
Mrs. W. A.	180.00	Bro. J. F. H.	45.00
Mrs. T. W. B.	125.00	Bro. S. J. H.	50.00
Mrs. C. B.	180.00	Bro. H. B. H.	229.98
Bro. L. D. B.	94.00	Bro. F. C. L.	100.00
Bro. J. B.	50.00	Mrs. A. L.	245.00
Bro. W. F. W. C.	60.00	Mrs. B. M. L.	130.00
Mrs. C.	144.00	Mrs. N. M.	74.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	141.64	Mrs. G. B. M.	180.00
Mrs. E. C. D.	180.00	Mrs. D. McI.	47.50
Mrs. M. D.	120.00	Bro. A. P. McN.	240.00
Mrs. W. D. W.	45.00	Bro. C. N.	45.00
Mrs. J. H. D.	65.00	Mrs. G. N.	90.00
Mrs. W. D.	45.00	Bro. R. E. N.	25.00
Mrs. E. D.	60.00	Bro. W. R. P.	10.00
Mrs. J. D.	120.00	Mrs. M. A. C. R.	458.44
Mrs. L. M. D.	100.00	Bro. A. R.	100.00
Mrs. W. E.	45.00	Mrs. H. J. R.	20.00
Mrs. A. F.	110.00	Mrs. S. S.	180.00
Bro. W. F.	90.00	Mrs. C. S.	210.00
Bro. P. F.	149.30	Bro. A. G. S.	180.00
Mrs. J. F.	45.00	Miss M. S.	190.00
Mrs. M. M. F.	215.00	Bro. C. O. S.	180.00
Mrs. W. A. G.	125.00	Mrs. W. J. T.	240.00
Mrs. J. G.	90.00	Bro. R. A. W.	30.00
Mrs. R. G.	55.00	Bro. A. G. W.	55.00
Mrs. J. A. G.	25.00	Mrs. W. W.	90.00
Bro. D. G.	70.00	Bro. J. D.	50.00
		Sundry Grants.	40.00
Total Grants.			\$6,473.86
Less Contributions and refunds from Lodges for their			
Beneficiaries			450.20
Total Grants by Grand Lodge.			\$6,023.66

ADDRESS

By M. W. Bro. CHAS. E. COE
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana

I am indeed very happy to be here today as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Montana. I first arrived in the Province on Monday at noon, and on my journey from Lethbridge toward this city for a good portion of the way I happened to have the good fortune

of meeting a Past Master of one of the Alberta Lodges. He pointed out points of interest along the way, and told me of the many industries and resources of the Province, and he made me feel at home. I have been almost overwhelmed with your Masonic reception and entertainment, since I have been here. Montana and Alberta, I believe, have a great deal in common, and geographically is about the same. We come from the same stock, we are all descended from those hardy pioneers who tamed this Western Prairie, and carved out homes and industries on what was the Western Frontier. More than that, we have the association of this grand fraternity, which we all love, and it has been a distinct pleasure in the past, on our part in Montana, to welcome and receive representatives of your Grand Lodge, and I have been told by Past Grand Masters of our jurisdiction what a wonderful treat was in store for me if I was so lucky as to be a guest of this Grand Lodge. I do not want to take very much time, but I do want to say a few things that are near my heart. A great statesman of the British Empire said, at a time when Western Civilization was at the cross-roads: "that Europe was more savage today than it was 1,000 years ago"—and there is a lot of truth in those words. Masonry, in your land and in mine, has always stood for the ideals of friendship and brotherly love and the self-respect of mankind, and I think at this time we are faced with the greatest opportunity and with the greatest challenge of any time within the history of the Craft. Have we the leadership among the Craft to solve the vast questions that will confront us when the war is over; questions that will demand the best brains of the Craft and all the good citizens of the world. I have no doubt that behind these two flags we are going to march on to victory. We hope it will be a speedy one, but, as I have said, there will be great problems presented after that great victory is won. I haven't the time to point out to you what those problems are; you know them as well as I, but we must face them, and we must face them with a courage and determination that has persisted in the minds of Masons down through the ages, that we shall make a just and a lasting peace.

Now, M. W. Sir, I thank you again for your very gracious welcome, and I shall be very happy indeed to convey to my brethren in Montana the reception you have accorded me here, and I hope I may greet you at that time. We feel that our two Grand Lodges are very closely connected. We feel our countries are more closely connected than ever before. Our boys are fighting on a common front against a common enemy, and, as you have said, the problems of taking care of those boys when they return will be our responsibility.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Edmonton, June 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Regular meetings have been held during the year by this Committee, and all matters in connection with the business affairs of Grand

Lodge were given careful consideration. The meetings were well attended.

You will no doubt be pleased to note that your membership shows an increase of 128, as against an increase of 28 last year, which is reflected in the revenue for the year.

The debit balances of the Lodges are normal, as a matter of fact the exact figure is \$291.86.

The Auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts, and his Report and Financial Statement covering the period is now in your hands.

All Securities of the Grand Lodge have been inspected at the Bank, and a list of these included in the Auditor's statement.

Following the Grand Lodge Benevolent Committee's recommendation, passed at the last Grand Lodge Communication, \$10,000.00 was transferred from Relief Fund to the Masonic War Distress Fund. This money has been invested in Dominion of Canada Bonds, and is waiting for direction from the Grand Master as to its disposal.

The contract for printing the 1944 Proceedings has been awarded, as usual, to the Albertan Job Press at a price of \$2.34 per page. They have promised early delivery, and we recommend that 600 copies be printed this year, and a copy mailed to the Master and Secretary of each Lodge.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard, C.A., be reappointed Auditor for the current year, and that he be paid the sum of \$175.00 for his services.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$20.00 for his services at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased from \$3,000.00 to \$3,300.00 as from June 1st. M. W. Bro. Moore, in his capacity as Grand Secretary, has given very excellent service to this Grand Lodge, and those of us who know of his work, realize that the conduct of Grand Lodge business was never so well and promptly attended to, and in recommending this increase, the Committee are simply bringing the salary into line with that paid to former Grand Secretaries.

Attached to this Report is the proposed Budget for the year 1944-45, and we recommend its adoption. We are budgeting for a deficit this year. This is caused through the expense of repairing and purchasing new regalia.

The Finance Committee has had all Regalia belonging to them in this Jurisdiction, returned to the Grand Secretary, and we find on examination that a great amount of this Regalia is in very bad condition, and we are placing in the Budget this year, \$1,200.00 for repair or purchase of new Regalia. The Dominion Regalia Company are going to submit a sample of a new design at this Grand Lodge Communication, and we would recommend that the Finance Committee be authorized to consider this new Regalia, and to purchase it, if feasible.

We would recommend that all Regalia in future years be called

in to the Grand Secretary's Office not later than April 1st of each year. so that it can be examined, repaired and cleaned, if necessary, and we would strongly recommend to members of Grand Lodge that they consider this Regalia as a very expensive article, and take the very best care of it.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,
Chairman.

BUDGET 1944-45

REVENUE

	1943-44	Actual	1944-45
Membership Fees.....	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 7,974.54	\$ 8,100.00
Initiation Fees.....	600.00	778.00	800.00
Certificate Fees.....	700.00	867.00	800.00
Dispensations.....	150.00	159.00	100.00
Affiliation Fees.....	150.00	122.00	150.00
Allowance from Relief Fund.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>\$10,700.00</u>	<u>\$10,900.54</u>	<u>\$10,950.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Salaries.....	\$ 4,800.00
Rent.....	1,140.00
Telephones and Telegrams.....	225.00
Postage and Express.....	500.00
Office Supplies.....	100.00
Exchange.....	65.00
Printing (New Constitutions, Rituals, etc.).....	1,500.00
Insurance.....	25.00
Research and Education and "Bulletin".....	260.00
Grand Master's Expense.....	900.00
Grand Officers' Expense.....	500.00
Annual Communication (Edmonton).....	450.00
Miscellaneous Expense.....	100.00
Presentation Regalia.....	225.00
Conference, Western Grand Lodges.....	125.00
Grand Lodge Regalia Replacements.....	1,200.00
	<u>\$12,115.00</u>

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28): "That the Report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry has much pleasure in submitting herewith their report.

The picture as viewed from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters is a very happy one, disclosing considerable activity among the Lodges in the conferring of Degrees. Many Lodges who have not had a candidate for years, are once again engaged in ritualistic work. It is indeed a very good omen that many of our young men are knocking at the doors of Masonry, seeking admittance before proceeding overseas to the scene of hostilities. It must be our earnest prayer that the Great Architect will watch over them and bring them safely home again. It cannot be gainsaid that fortified with the teaching of our Craft they are much better prepared to meet the heavy duty that lies before them. Another pleasing feature is the entry of many men into Masonry who are of foreign extraction, and we know of no better way of making good Canadians of them than by association with us.

The picture also shows our Lodges to be deeply interested in various types of War Services Work. There are still a few Lodges which have not Committees engaged in this most necessary and desirable work. Those of our own members serving overseas are regularly written to, as are also the sons and daughters of our brethren; this correspondence is having a very desirable effect. The young men and women are very grateful for these letters and recognize that Masonry must be a wonderful institution to take an interest in them. There is no doubt but that the contacts thus made will be fruitful in the days to come. In addition to letter writing, many of the Lodges see to it that these young people are supplied with parcels of cigarettes, candy, etc., and the interest in this phase of the Lodge work is amply demonstrated by the donations made by the brethren at the close of meetings. The expense incurred in this connection is thus borne by the Lodge members, without encroaching upon the regular income.

The reports indicate that the District Meetings were well attended, and proved a great help to the Craft. Indeed, Most Worshipful Sir, they speak very warmly of your part in these meetings; your kindly interest in their difficulties, the advice given them, and the sincerity of your addresses did much to promote the success of these meetings. Your innovation in having a special forum for Lodge Secretaries was greatly appreciated by the brethren. With the assistance of your Grand Secretary, many difficulties and misunderstandings between the Lodges and the Grand Secretary's office have been explained, and a better understanding established as a result. The hope is expressed that this feature of the District Meetings might be continued, to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

The Grand Lodge *Bulletin* still continues to hold the interest of many brethren, while there is still room for improvement, nevertheless

considerable interest is shown, and in some Lodges, brethren see to it that items of particular interest are brought to the attention of the members.

The stranger within our gates is well taken care of; in most of the Air Training Centres and Garrison areas, notices are posted of Masonic meetings, and some of the Lodges see to it that members of the Craft known to them receive notices by mail. That this service is deeply appreciated, is demonstrated by the gift of a clock set in the propellers of a plane, to two lodge rooms in Calgary by brethren in the Air Force. Many Lodges have been pleased to confer degrees on brethren serving in the Forces from other jurisdictions.

The perennial question of the Historical Register is ever before us; it is unfortunate that Lodges will not give greater attention to this regard. "Time marches on", and there comes a day when a running and complete history is required with the usual regrets. Anniversaries have a peculiar habit of cropping up, so we suggest to the Worshipful Masters that they take time by the forelock and see that this neglected record is fully completed.

We would seek to impress upon the District Deputies the necessity of satisfying themselves that the financial records are properly written up. It is a mistake to take for granted that these jobs are attended to, because you feel the secretary is a very efficient officer. Your job is not completed until you have examined all the records as required by the Constitution.

In viewing the reports submitted, we have had a mixed feeling of pleasure and disappointment. Some of the Deputies are fully seized with the importance of their responsibilities, and presented full and complete reports, while others seemed to consider the matter as trivial and so long as a "pleasant time was had" that was all that was required. The District Deputy is the liaison officer between Grand Lodge and the Lodge; the Grand Master, therefore, relies upon his Deputy to keep him informed of the condition of each Lodge within his District, and to tell him frankly of the situation, and whether the Constitution is being carried out and the standard of work being maintained.

We regret very sincerely the passing of R. W. Bro. Dr. N. W. Connolly, D.D.G.M. of District No. 9, on November 3rd, 1943, at his home town of Stettler. R. W. Bro. Connolly was an ardent Mason, deeply beloved and respected throughout his District, and his demise was a deep blow to Apollo Lodge where for many years he was their very efficient Secretary. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Apollo Lodge in their loss.

We are pleased to note that one Lodge which has been straining under heavy financial difficulties, has been able to make arrangements that had the effect of easing their burdens, and thus placing the Lodge in a much better condition. The generosity of the brother who made this possible is to be commended as displaying the true Masonic spirit. We are also pleased to note that some Lodges have been able to discharge the mortgages on their lodge buildings, and to them we offer our congratulations.

We believe the District Deputy Grand Masters have endeavored to carry out their duties to the best of their ability and under most

trying conditions. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following brethren:

District No. 1 R. W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28)
 District No. 2 R. W. Bro. Arthur G. Finch (35)
 District No. 3 R. W. Bro. W. F. Empey (51)
 District No. 4 R. W. Bro. Stewart E. Wood (42)
 District No. 5 R. W. Bro. John T. Johnson (37)
 District No. 6 R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Allan (17)
 District No. 7 R. W. Bro. Percy Cull (39)
 District No. 8 R. W. Bro. Fred Padgett (26)
 District No. 10 R. W. Bro. James A. McCoof (11)
 District No. 11 R. W. Bro. J. D. Hagerman (84)
 District No. 12 R. W. Bro. Alexander Paton (92)
 District No. 13 R. W. Bro. John M. Fildes (116)
 District No. 14 R. W. Bro. Wm. W. Wilson (115)
 District No. 15 R. W. Bro. J. Y. Greenwood (125)
 District No. 16 R. W. Bro. Wilfred Poxon ((107)
 District No. 17 R. W. Bro. H. W. K. Hilliker (69)

To sum up, M. W. Sir, the Condition of Masonry in the Province of Alberta is in a very gratifying state, and you have certainly cause for congratulation upon the excellent results attained during your year of office.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chairman.

Statistical Report on the Condition of Masonry

Dist. No.	Liquid Assets Cash and Bonds	Liabili- ties	Total Assets over Liabilities	Own Hall	Total of all Arrcar- ages	Paid for Relief	Insurance in Force
1	\$ 36,352.54	\$16,587.44	\$146,654.27	15	\$ 3,144.41	\$ 4,765.65	\$ 49,826.85
2	REPORT NOT RECEIVED.						
3	57,840.15	1,219.54	56,620.61	2	1,417.91	1,693.24	25,100.00
4	19,050.05	6,069.36	34,967.97	5	1,935.00	550.26	23,700.00
5	4,363.18	1,201.81	10,949.46	2	1,018.12	258.77	6,435.00
6	6,931.42	727.68	6,203.74	4	1,182.05	751.80	15,900.00
7	13,600.76	1,039.04	24,243.50	2	922.00	547.43	6,730.00
8	6,548.74	802.48	19,724.27	2	732.30	615.84	11,290.00
9	4,375.70	1,090.00	14,280.25	4	697.50	589.80	14,450.00
10	25,129.34	1,044.29	44,115.46	3	1,765.50	1,017.48	20,550.00
11	5,472.13	1,608.23	10,191.11	2	527.00		3,550.00
12	22,997.40	1,873.01	28,254.60	1	2,109.83	856.91	5,400.00
13	7,746.44	1,626.57	17,908.99	5	766.50	391.80	12,150.00
14	3,506.27	635.14	9,734.56	2	576.50	119.05	7,375.00
15	1,278.59	1,399.85	5,021.14	4	564.00	157.90	10,300.00
16	7,129.33	521.85	18,056.66	4	843.50	100.00	11,350.00
17	7,110.59	401.28	6,609.31	4	589.50	323.55	11,365.00
	\$229,432.63	\$37,847.57	\$453,535.90	61	\$18,752.62	\$12,739.48	\$235,471.85

Resolved on motion of R. W. Bro. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124): "That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Edmonton, June 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Two cases have been referred to your Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

In one case a brother was tried by his Lodge for unmasonic conduct and in accordance with the Constitution, was found guilty. The Lodge voted unanimously for his indefinite suspension with a recommendation to Grand Lodge for his expulsion.

Your committee concurs in this recommendation, and recommends accordingly.

The other case is one that was considered last year and a member of a Lodge was indefinitely suspended from the privileges of Masonry. The Lodge now recommends that this member be expelled. Whilst your committee concurs with the request of the Lodge your committee regrets it is necessary to lay this matter on the table until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and the indefinite suspension be continued by the Grand Lodge as the request of the Lodge recommending expulsion is not submitted as provided for by the Constitution. The Lodge is to be again advised as to the correct procedure.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,

Chairman.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44): "That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

Edmonton, June 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on the work have received a number of Ritualistic questions on which rulings have been made and cleared through the

Grand Secretary's office. These rulings have also been forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the Lodges concerned.

Your committee also acknowledges the receipt of the request of the Most Wor. the Grand Master transmitted through the Grand Secretary that consideration be given by the Committee on the work to make the Canadian Rite Rituals now in use in this Jurisdiction of a uniform character.

Serious consideration as well as a large amount of work has been devoted to this request but we believe that the situation could be more thoroughly covered and the desires of our Grand Master carried out and this Grand Lodge be better served in future days by the brethren in attendance at this communication authorizing your committee to prepare and submit for your approval at our next Grand Lodge meeting an Alberta Ritual and thus make our Ritualistic endeavors uniform throughout this Grand Jurisdiction in those Lodges working in the Canadian Rite.

We are also desirous of expressing our appreciation to our Grand Secretary for the efficient manner and the despatch with which he has handled the correspondence which has greatly facilitated our work

Fraternally submitted,

J. MARTLAND,
Chairman.

M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124) in moving the motion that the Report of the Committee on Work be received and adopted said: "The Committee felt, with regard to the Canadian Rite Working, that in the interests of Masonry the Work should be uniform. The Committee have done a great deal of research work, and have come to the conclusion that until we have an Alberta Work of our own, not subject to change except by the Grand Lodge, we will not have satisfactory Work as far as Alberta is concerned." He suggested the Committee be authorized to continue the work and to bring to your Grand Lodge next year a Work which they propose be printed solely for our Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29) suggested that M. W. Bro. Ellis give some reasons for the suggested changes. M. W. Bro. Ellis explained it was not a question of writing a new Work—it was not proposed to make any radical changes. At present we were using the same Work with several variations. The trouble is that we have been depending on purchasing copies of the Work from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario for many years, and we find they are not uniform. He pointed out we were the only Grand Lodge who did not possess a Canadian Rite Work of our own, and thought the time had come when we should decide on one. In further explanation the Grand Master pointed out that our Canadian Work Rituals were purchased from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and any changes they made we had to accept.

V. W. Bro. M. J. Brodie (63) thought we were getting too stereotyped, and that variation was the charm of Freemasonry.

V. W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison (24) said: "It is what is behind the Ritual that counts", and wondered how we were going to get away from the sale of Rituals in stores.

The Grand Master in explanation stated that the suggestion was merely that authority be given to print and purchase our own Canadian Rite Work.

It was then moved by M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26): "That the Report of the Committee on the Work be received and adopted." Carried.

BALLOT CLOSED

At this point the Grand Master declared the Ballot closed, and appointed the following as Scrutineers:

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), *Chairman*
 R. W. Bro. J. Booth (51)
 W. Bro. A. Naughton (91)
 V. W. Bro. G. B. Thorn (81)
 W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh (142)
 W. Bro. R. Martland (63)
 R. W. Bro. E. A. Figg (117)
 V. W. Bro. Geo. W. Bureau (134)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Edmonton, June 13th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
 the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A meeting of the Committee on Jurisprudence was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, at 12 noon, June 13th, 1944.

Present:

M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, *Chairman*.
 M. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis
 M. W. Bro. John Martland
 M. W. Bro. Sam Harris
 M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey
 M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank
 M. W. Bro. A. West
 M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore
 M. W. Bro. A. West (acted as secretary for the meeting)

One question had been referred to the Committee for a ruling:

"Nanton Lodge, No. 17, A.F. & A.M., installs its officers on St. John the Evangelist Night, December 27th. Would it be permissible to confer the Initiatory Degree or either of the other degrees if a notice to that effect appeared on the summons for that night's meeting?"

The Committee were unanimous that this action was permissible, but they were strongly of the opinion that such action should only

be taken under exceptional circumstances. The members of this Committee feel that the Installation ceremony is of such importance that it should occupy an evening without any other business and while there is no constitutional obstacle to any Lodge doing other business on Installation night, provided proper notice has been given, the members of this Committee hope and believe that the normal practice in this Grand Jurisdiction of holding the Installation as a separate meeting will continue to be adhered to.

The Committee recommends that ruling No. 46 in the list of rulings by Grand Masters in the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge be deleted.

Fraternally submitted,

F. P. GALBRAITH, *Chairman*

A. WEST, *Acting Secretary*.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. West (7): "That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee to whom was referred the 39th Annual Report of the Grand Secretary, for the fiscal period ending April 30th, 1944, submit their report as follows:

1. Your Committee is pleased to report that the work of the Grand Secretary has been carried out in an efficient and prompt manner by M. W. Bro. George Moore, who was elected as Grand Secretary last Communication, replacing M. W. Brother Kemmis, deceased. M. W. Bro. Moore has, during his first year as Grand Secretary, continued the uniform courtesy and kindness that has always been given in the past. M. W. Bro. Moore has shown by his report that he has acquired a thorough knowledge of the affairs of this Grand Lodge.

2. At the Annual Communication last year, mention was made in the report of the apparent lack of interest in our annual proceedings, but we are glad to learn from the Grand Secretary's report that this year the available copies were soon exhausted and that a number of requests could not be filled. Your Committee would recommend that an additional number of copies be printed this year so that a copy may be sent to any member requesting one.

3. We note that 37 Certificates were issued this year for Life Membership. Although a lodge may by by-law decide the terms upon which life membership may be granted, your Committee wishes to

report that approximately 9 per cent of the total membership of this Grand Lodge are Life Members.

4. We are pleased to note a net increase of 128 in membership over 1942, the initiations for 1943 being 391 as compared to 305 in 1942 and 290 for 1941.

5. Your Committee agrees with the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master to the Committee on Finance, that the fiscal period of the Masonic War Distress Fund, viz., April 30th, coincide with the fiscal period of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would recommend that although Grand Lodge authorized last year the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Relief Fund to the Masonic War Distress Fund, that this amount be returned to the Relief Fund, which would still leave a balance of \$11,453.89 to the War Distress Fund, the United Grand Lodge of England having stated that their War Relief Fund is adequate to meet the demands made upon it at this time.

6. Your Committee notes with approval that the Grand Secretary was enabled to accompany the M. W. the Grand Master on his visits to the seventeen District Meetings. This was of great benefit, not only to the Grand Lodge Officers, but to the Officers of the Lodges of the respective districts, as no doubt many apparent difficulties would be straightened out during the visit.

7. We note that several lodges were a little slow in making their returns and it is hoped that the lodges at fault will be more prompt as otherwise an unnecessary burden is placed on the office of the Grand Secretary.

8. We do not comment on the remarks of the Grand Secretary regarding the number of copies of the "Work" being sent out, as the disposal of these books is under his jurisdiction.

9. Several other matters are reported by the Grand Secretary, but as these should be covered by reports of other Committees, we do not comment.

Finally, your Committee would recommend that as there appears to be an unnecessary amount of duplication and overlapping in the various reports presented, that a survey be made as to the advisability of reducing the number of Grand Lodge Committees.

Fraternally submitted,

A. WEST, *Chairman*.
J. MARTLAND,
W. J. BOTTERILL.

Moved, by M. W. Bro. A. West (7), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63): "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

An Amendment was moved by R. W. Bro. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Hart (11): "That the paragraph relative to the transfer of \$10,000.00 be deleted."

R. W. Bro. Ireland said: "I fail to understand why the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report had any right to raise the question of the disposal of the Funds of the Masonic War Distress Fund. The Lieut.-Governor had told us something of the work which had to be done by Freemasonry, if Freemasonry is able to do anything in the future. As Grand Master I hope to be able to do something towards the furthering of that work. I cannot suggest any plans at this time, but I am asking you to give serious consideration to the fact that we may require funds to do what His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, mentioned this morning. It will not be possible to use monies from the Benevolent Fund, and I ask you to consider most seriously the question of transferring this money back, because I feel that demands will be made upon us in the years to come. I also feel that the Masonic War Distress Fund has actually evolved into a rehabilitation fund, and we will need every cent we have and more. I am going to ask Grand Lodge that the Masonic War Distress Fund be used for a War Rehabilitation Fund."

M. W. Bro. West (7) said: "The reason for recommending that the \$10,000.00 be returned to the Relief Fund was because it was asked for last year, and had not been used. I am just as much in favor of seeing \$10,000.00 being put into the Rehabilitation Fund. The Masonic War Distress Fund was started, I think, with the definite purpose of relieving the distress caused by the war in the British Isles. Your Committee, in considering this matter, felt that until some definite plan is submitted, the \$10,000.00 should be put back where it came from. When the Grand Master-elect starts a new plan, I shall be glad to second the Motion."

R. W. Bro. Williams (2) said: "I think we are going into something that is detrimental to the best interests of Grand Lodge. We have solicited funds for the Masonic War Distress Fund. I do not think we are being fair to those men who sacrificed themselves to donate these monies, to put them into another fund."

The Amendment of R. W. Bro. Ireland that the paragraph relative to the transfer of \$10,000.00 be deleted, was put to the meeting and carried, and the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was then received and adopted as amended.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, June 13th, 1944.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

It is a great pleasure to the Committee to congratulate the Grand Master on a particularly happy and successful year in office. The Craft throughout the jurisdiction have benefitted greatly from their association with him.

We join with the Grand Master in extending sympathy to those whose loved ones have laid down their lives that freedom should live.

This Grand Lodge has suffered in the loss by death of a number of stalwart workers and we would endorse the Grand Master's tribute to them, especially M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, R. W. Bro. Frank Barnhouse and R. W. Bro. N. W. Connolly, the latter dying in office during his year as D.D.G.M. of District No. 9.

We congratulate the Grand Master on the net increase in membership of 128 and what is of equal importance the generally increased interest of the brethren in their own Lodges. We believe with him that the Grand Lodge and constituent Lodge work in connection with War Distress and Rehabilitation has stimulated this interest.

It is a matter of satisfaction to report that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary attended all 17 of the District Meetings. This is the first time that this has been possible for three years and it is of inestimable value to the work of the jurisdiction.

We are pleased to note that the happy relations with Peace Lodge No. 126 of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at Dawson Creek continue to grow in strength and affection.

We heartily concur in the Grand Master's remarks on the importance of the office of D.D.G.M. and would commend them to the earnest attention of all members of Grand Lodge.

We agree with the Grand Master that the Masonic War Distress Fund has done valuable work under the chairmanship of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming and we congratulate the brethren on their sustained effort in this direction.

From our own knowledge we are able to testify to the value and the prestige of our Grand Lodge *Bulletin* and we cordially endorse the Grand Master's tribute to M. W. Bro. Mitchell, its talented editor. We approve the Grand Master's suggestion that a sum of not more than \$200 be appropriated this year for the further development of the *Bulletin*.

It is a pleasure to note that the Grand Master was able to make so many visits to constituent Lodges and we note with great interest that one of these was to Bow River Lodge No. 1 on the occasion of its 60th anniversary, the first occasion of this kind in the history of this jurisdiction.

We approve the Grand Master's recommendation that Grand Lodge continue its support of the Conference of Western Grand Lodge Officers.

We noted with special pleasure that the Grand Master was able this year to visit not only our neighbor Grand Lodge in Saskatchewan but also the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at St. Paul. We are satisfied that visits of this character are of great value to Grand Lodge and that they should be encouraged in every possible way.

We feel that the Grand Master should be warmly commended for his valuable work in stimulating the Lodges to take a more active and direct interest in their members and their members' children in the forces and we cordially approve of his appointment of co-ordinating

committees in Calgary and Edmonton to carry forward War Services and Re-habilitation work.

We are pleased to note that the Grand Master made no rulings during the year. This would indicate that the Constitution is being studied more closely by the brethren.

Fraternally submitted

F. P. GALBRAITH, *Chairman*
C. C. HARTMAN,
SAM HARRIS.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), seconded by M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16): "That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
AND CORRESPONDENCE**

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
The Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The first thought in writing the report of this Committee, is to regret the absence today of M. W. Bro. Alexander Mitchell, the Chairman of this Committee since 1936. The condition of Bro. Mitchell has improved but he is not able to be with us at this communication. We will miss him and we trust he will soon be restored to his usual good health.

We are in receipt of a communication from the Grand Lodge of Chile advising us that a Pan-American Congress was to be held in Monte Video, Chile. Grand Lodges of Argentine, Uruguay and other Grand Lodges in South America were to be the main participants in this Congress. The object was to unite for certain purposes all the Grand Lodges on the American continent. Our understanding is that the Conference has been indefinitely postponed on account of the war. We are not in communication with either Argentine or Uruguay, and we recommend that no action be taken at the present time.

During the last war much discussion took place regarding active participation in war work, and from this discussion it was felt that the Grand Lodges of the United States should work in closer co-operation. Following the year 1918 the Grand Masters of the United States assembled in conference but no united effort was made to form one organization for war purposes. Today the discussion is still continued on the advisability of Grand Lodges establishing social centres near training camps and taking part in other war services. Some Grand Lodges report the work is splendid and others report a duplication of effort. All seem to agree that the sons of Masons should be included if the work continues. Throughout Masonry, in the camp of the Allies, splendid social war work is being accomplished, but not particularly publicized as coming from Masons. The Grand Lodges within

the British Commonwealth continue to place at the disposal of the various Allies funds which have been raised and are now being raised for this purpose, not for Masons only but treating Mason and profane alike.

The hour to which Masons and all freedom-loving men have waited and looked forward, arrived a week ago yesterday, and we in this Grand Communication can anticipate the time when we will welcome renewed activity in the Grand Lodges of France, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, (Lessing and National) Norway, Roumania and Philippine Islands; as well as in British East India, Burma, China, and Netherlands East Indies where the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Massachusetts and Philippine Islands have jurisdiction. The future of civilization hangs in the balance in these trying days, and in our Daily Supplications we have in mind the success of the arms of the Allies, so that the early liberation of our brethren may be accomplished.

The Annual Reviews of Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions are submitted with this report, and the thanks of Grand Lodge and the Chairman of this Committee are due to the following brethren who have so ably contributed:

M. W. Bro. John Martland
R. W. Bro. William Ireland
R. W. Bro. G. H. Crane-Williams
V. W. Bro. M. J. Brodie

We recommend that the reviews submitted with this report be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
For the Committee.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. T. Coote (11): "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

Hanna, June 1st, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges has but one item to report, that of surrender of Charter by Earl Haig Lodge No. 155 on June 30th, last.

Certificates of Standing were issued by Grand Lodge to the demit

ting members, and it is noted that some of these have affiliated with other lodges.

Your committee sincerely hope that in the course of a few years the brethren still resident at Barrhead and district contiguous, will find that time will be opportune to re-establish the Lodge at that point.

During the intervening time, your committee trusts that all the demitting members will plan for such re-establishment, or exercise their right of application for affiliation with another Lodge should they so wish.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR G. R. BOND,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of R. W. Bro. A. G. E. Bond (78), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. G. Finch (35): "That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Edmonton, June 13th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have the honor to present the report of the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master to bring in suitable amendments to the Constitution covering the following recommendations of the Immediate Past Grand Master in his Address:

1. The recommendation dealing with the Initiation of Candidates at the same meeting at which they are balloted on.
2. An additional signing officer on Grand Lodge cheques to those provided for in Section 62 of the 1936 Constitution.
3. A revision of Section 255a of the Constitution dealing with unauthorized circulars.

The Grand Master also indicated in his letter of appointment to the Committee that he wished the Committee to clarify or change any other Section which they deemed advisable.

In accordance with these instructions, your Committee has gone into the matters mentioned with some thoroughness. A circular letter was sent to all Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction asking them for suggestions; all Past Grand Masters were consulted, a large number of other brethren were consulted on specific points, the Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England, of the Grand Lodge of Canada

in the Province of Ontario, and of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were studied for guidance.

The recommendations now before you in the Notice of Motion calling Grand Lodge are the result of several meetings of your Committee and of the sifting over of the information at their disposal. The Committee consisted of M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9); R. W. Bro. David Patterson (83); with myself as Chairman, and I wish to pay tribute here to the careful and painstaking work of the other members of this Committee. It was a pleasure to work with them, and I may say that in every case our ultimate decisions were unanimous.

Your Committee did not feel that it was desired at this time to embark on a complete revision of the Constitution, and therefore did not deal with anything not referred to it nor brought out during the investigation. Its decisions are embodied in the Notice of Motion, but it might be advisable to indicate briefly some of the other points raised by Lodges and individual brethren, which the Committee did not see fit to put forward as recommendations.

It might be well to mention that there certainly should be revision of the Standard Code of By-Laws which is now in use in many Lodges. The present Code is far too long and has other serious defects. Some revisions should also be made in the Ceremonials now in use by Grand Lodge. At present neither the Standard Code of By-Laws nor the Ceremonials conform to the Constitution.

Throughout their deliberations, your Committee was impressed with the earnest desire of so many of the brethren to make the Constitution easier to follow, and perhaps clearer in its directions. The minor changes set out by the Committee in the Notice of Motion are designed for that purpose, and submitted in the hope that they might do so.

A number of recommendations put forward by Lodges were not adopted by the Committee, as they did not feel, in the light of the larger amount of information at their disposal, that their adoption would have been in the best interests of the Craft. One of these recommendations, that the word "eight" in Section 195 be changed to "four", came from more than one Lodge. The effect of this change, had it been made, would be to shorten the time for investigation of a petition from two months to one month. After careful consideration, and after examining a great deal of information available in the Grand Lodge Office and other places, your Committee was unanimous that this change should not be made. As the Constitution now stands, a candidate can be initiated two months after his application is received. With the adoption of the Amendments submitted by this Committee, an additional week will be added to this time, making nine weeks. Your Committee does not feel that this is too long a period of time to investigate the suitability of any petitioner for initiation. Suggestions were also received from Lodges suggesting changes in the method of voting for Grand Lodge Officers. Your Committee felt that in view of the short time the present method had been in use, any change should be deferred. Other suggestions included waiving the provisions of the Constitution to permit a Worshipful Master Elect to be installed who could not confer the Degrees. Your Committee hardly felt that Grand Lodge would wish such a drastic change to be made. Several other suggestions were received, which, for various

reasons, the Committee did not incorporate in its recommendations, but which it was glad to have.

Your Committee does not regard the recommendations contained in the Notice of Motion as the final word on any of the matters it considered, but it has made a conscientious effort to carry out the desires of the Grand Master, and it believes that the adoption of these recommendations would be of advantage to Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. P. GALBRAITH, *Chairman*
W. M. CONNACHER
DAVID PATTERSON.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. D. Patterson (83): "That the Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution be received and adopted."

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Amendments Submitted to Grand Lodge

35. That Section 35 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the following sentence after the words "meeting of Grand Lodge", in line 11: "Where a special committee is appointed by Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master in connection with any matters involving the Constitution, an approving resolution of a Lodge shall not be necessary."

62. That Section 62 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the following after the words "Grand Treasurer" in the second line: "or in his absence or incapacity by a Brother appointed for that purpose by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

142.—That Section 142 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "the Immediate Past Master" from the second line.

144.—That Section 144 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "or at a meeting held not more than one month after their election" after the word "Baptist" in the ninth line, and by deleting the words "or at any other time by dispensation of the Grand Master" in the ninth and tenth lines.

158.—That Section 158 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "or second" after the word "first" in the sixth line.

193.—That Section 193 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words: "in good standing of the Lodge receiving the petition" after the word "members" in line five.

195.—That Section 195 of the Constitution should be renumbered "194" and amended by deleting the words "on being presented shall" in line one, and inserting the words "shall then" in their stead, and by inserting the words "first regular" after the words "Lodge at the" in line five.

196. That Section 196 of the Constitution be re-numbered "195" and be amended by deleting the word "application" in the first line, and inserting the word "petition" in its stead.

194.—That Section 194 of the Constitution be re-numbered "196" and be amended by deleting the words "application for initiation shall be dealt with" in the first and second lines, and inserting the following in their stead: "petition for initiation shall be balloted on"

and by deleting the word "application" in the last line and inserting the word "petition" in its stead.

200.—That Section 200 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "applicant rejected" in the 24th line of the section and inserting the following "petitioner rejected. If the ballot is favourable, the Master shall declare the petitioner elected to be initiated into the Lodge at a subsequent meeting. No candidate can be initiated until at least seven clear days after his election."

206.—That Section 206 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the word "candidate" in the first line and inserting the word "petitioner" in its stead.

255a.—That Section 255a of the Constitution be amended by deleting all the words in the Section after the word "brother" in line nine, and by inserting the following "circularize any other Lodges or brethren in this or any other Grand Jurisdiction without the consent of the Grand Master" in their stead.

270.—That Section 270 of the Constitution be amended by adding to it the following sentence: "Any member of any Lodge in this jurisdiction holding membership in any other Lodge in this jurisdiction who is suspended or expelled from either Lodge is automatically suspended or expelled from the other Lodge."

The proposals to amend the Constitution having been sent to the Lodges in printed form, were taken up clause by clause, all of which were adopted, with the exception of the proposed Amendment to Section 142, which was lost.

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CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5 o'clock p.m.

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ELECTION OF D.D.G.M., DISTRICT No. 17

Owing to the D.D.G.M.-elect, W. Bro. C. G. Forryan (44) being unable to assume the duties of his office, the Grand Master directed the Brethren of District 17 to meet at the close of the day's session to elect a new D.D.G.M. This resulted in the election of W. Bro. H. W. Lovell or Palestine Lodge, No. 46.

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EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A banquet was held in the evening in the Central Masonic Temple, which was exceptionally well attended. After enjoying a substantial meal, entertainment was provided under the direction of V. W. Bro. W. S. Kent.

The Grand Master in response to the Toast "The Grand Master and his Officers", proposed by W. Bro. E. G. Ellerton, of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2, briefly reviewed the year's work, and thanked all those in all parts of the Jurisdiction who had contributed in any way to another successful year, on behalf of Grand Lodge.

The Chairman, R. W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond, then introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Rev. Dr. J. C. Brown of Unity College, Vancouver, the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The address of M. W. Bro. Brown was voted by all that heard it, one of the most interesting addresses that has been given in this Grand Lodge. Following is a verbatim report of the address:

ADDRESS

By M. W. Bro. J. C. BROWN

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia

Delivered at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Held at Edmonton, June, 1944.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Words fail me to adequately express appreciation of the great courtesy you have extended to me, your extreme kindness and your very abundant hospitality. No one could have possibly done more to make a stranger feel at home. Knowing that I come from Vancouver, for three days it has rained almost continuously. This atmosphere, along with your gracious words and the ready welcome you have given me, has almost made me forget that I was away from Vancouver.

Yesterday you gave me the privilege of attending your Board of General Purposes—an institution we do not have in British Columbia—so that I might really learn how it ought to be done. I have enjoyed every moment of your Grand Lodge session today. I must speak particularly of the very impressive special service held at the opening of your Communication under the direction of your Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother, the Rev. George H. Crane-Williams. The reflections of that hour created an atmosphere of thoughtfulness and devotion and were well calculated to steady our minds in these difficult days. The memorial service for the fraternal dead conducted by your Grand Chaplain, Right Worshipful Brother Venerable Archdeacon Little, was likewise a most impressive one. The bonds of fraternity, the breadth of our fellowship and the immeasurable consolations derived from our faith could scarcely be brought home more vividly than they were this afternoon.

I am impressed with the strength particularly of my clerical brethren. It is only because of your courtesy to my Grand Jurisdiction and the fact that you have overloaded your own brethren that I am here at all. I am reminded of the story of a parish in the Old Country, one belonging to the same church as my Right Worshipful Brother, the Senior Grand Warden. The Vicar had become ill and the people were looking for a minister to conduct the service. All their searching failed until someone heard of a Bishop who was taking a vacation in the neighborhood and they asked him if he would conduct worship. He said he would very readily help his stricken brother minister and assist them in any way that he could. He took the service and when it was over one of the Wardens was thanking him and saying that it was good of him to give up his holiday to help them out of their difficulty and he concluded his words of praise by saying, "You know, Sir, a worse preacher than you would have done us, but we couldn't find one."

Let me congratulate you, also, Most Worshipful Grand Master, upon your very successful year of office. The very atmosphere of your Grand Lodge is permeated with the fine spirit of loyalty and the sense of achievement. The brethren have not only throughout the year displayed their loyalty to you in your official capacity but they have

revealed also their admiration for you personally. It must be a matter of great personal satisfaction and it is undoubtedly a source of great gratification to the whole Craft that its work has been accomplished and its interests advanced under your able leadership.

Perhaps never before in the history of the Craft has Grand Lodge assembled under conditions such as prevail today. The events of the last few days have engrossed all our attention. "D" Day has raised in the heart of everyone the hope that Victory might not be far away. For five successive communications we have carried on under the strain of war conditions. The Right Honourable Winston Churchill sometime ago made use of a striking phrase, "The End of the Beginning". The progress of the war in this last year and the invasion of the Normandy coast in the last two weeks stirs us to venture to talk of "The Beginning of the End". We can only pray that it may be so. Our thoughts and hopes are concentrated on this great issue and every hour of the day we are thinking most of the men who are giving their lives to establish humanity's freedom. We think of all those young men who have gone out from our midst, pouring out the rich red wine of youth and making the very earth sacred because of what they have given for the welfare of others. It makes us conscious that spiritual realities are the supreme realities. When we come to great ultimate issues we see the material things fade into insignificance and we know that the realities of the heart and of the inmost soul are alone eternal. They say there are no atheists in foxholes and it is in a measure true that we all feel the presence of the Eternal round about us as we come to grips with the monsters of evil that have threatened human freedom and have cast aside all sense of righteousness and justice as they have lunged forward in their effort to establish their power in the earth. It is the God of Righteousness and of Goodness who seems to be really challenged and defied and we are led to a sense of His presence because He has drawn us to the task of resisting this onslaught of wickedness. We seem to be made more aware of our dependence upon Him and to realize a demand that we be surrendered and consecrated to His will and purposes. All this makes us conscious that we are reckoning daily and hourly with great spiritual realities. It makes us thoughtful, too, of the price that must be paid and of those who readily throw themselves into the terrific conflict of the battlefield and give their lives that right may not fail in the earth.

In times like these we realize the importance of spiritual resources; resources of the mind, deep, solid, well-reasoned convictions as to truth and righteousness, the permanent value of genuine goodness—resources of the heart wherein we give ourselves in whole-souled fashion to what is high and worthy and we find joy and the highest exhilaration of life in abandoning ourselves to the pursuit of worthy ideals. It is this that makes morale. It is this that fortifies the spirit of the people and makes them unconquerable. There is not a doubt about it, we need the engines of war. We need bigger and better tanks and airplanes and battleships. We need more highly developed organizations. We need the unification of the whole industrial life for one great purpose—to produce what is needful. We must make the tools if we are going to finish the job, but both for the making of the tools and for the pressing of the battle to the gates everything depends upon the spirit of the people. It is this that makes what we call morale, deep-seated convictions as to what is eternally right, and right for all people in all ages, a soul well fortified with the persuasion that right and truth

must win and that even to go down in the cause of right is to rise again and to live eternally. It is this and this alone that will hold people together and make them steady in the time of distress and when all the tides of battle seem to go against them will still leave them steadfast and unshaken and pursuing only one great purpose. It is such a spirit that held together the people of the British Isles. Even though the news was bad from abroad, even though they were being bombed to bits, they never had the thought of yielding. They were more provoked to humor than they were to the idea of surrender. I have a friend in Liverpool, in the district known as Bootle, who wrote in an off-hand manner that there were only three holes burned in her roof. She said their church had had the doors and windows knocked out of it twice. The schoolroom seems to have escaped and they were using it for a shelter for people whose homes had been wrecked. One morning they brought in a woman in an ambulance. Her house had been reduced to rubble, she had been slightly injured and when someone bestowed some words of comfort on her she replied, "I wouldn't have minded it a bit only I had just spent two and six to get the chimney swept and now it is gone and I have lost my money". There is another story of a woman who was taken out of the debris of her house in London. After they had dusted her off and supplied her with a cup of coffee someone in chatting with her said, "And where is your husband?" Her reply was, "The blinking coward—he is in the Army". Now it is rightly said—you can't do anything with a people like that. But the resources of the people who stand unshaken in the midst of every disaster are the resources of the spirit. They are ingrained convictions that have entered into the very life through centuries of teaching and which become the possession of each generation that gives itself in sincerity to eternal truth and goodness.

It is our spiritual resources also that will count in the making of a new world. We all look forward to a new world, to a better state of life and human welfare in the post war period. We feel that the sacrifices made by our young manhood on the battlefields must not be in vain. Something permanent must be achieved, a world in which wars will cease and human blood will be no longer shed—a world of even-handed justice and fairer dealings between man and man. The square deal must be given to all, even to the weak and those who could not secure it for themselves. We want a world of better relations in industrial life where class divisions and hatred will not be the rule of life. But what will make a better world? I submit that it is the same spiritual resources, the same morale, the same great convictions concerning right and wrong, concerning justice and injustice, concerning freedom and oppression, the same spirit of sacrifice that is winning the war. The basic principles of life, after all, are one and the same in peace as in war. We ought to look forward to a new day and we ought to begin to dwell on these moral and spiritual values which alone supply adequate foundations for social welfare, which alone supply the material for the building of a worthy super-structure beautiful and glorious in all its parts.

Let me say I think the men who come back from the war will be most concerned to know what spiritual strength we have. They will not be much concerned about the machines we have made, nor our great plants of production. They have used the biggest machinery that has been turned out. They are acquainted with all the engines of destruction. They have been flying through space at four hundred miles per

hour. They have been partakers in the greatest operations, destructive it is true, yet the greatest activities and the greatest instruments of power and force that the world has ever seen. They will not be interested in the amount of money we have made nor how much money has been in circulation but they will want to know whether or not we have found out what we are living for, whether we have put meaning into human existence and whether our basic convictions of right and wrong and also the spirit of our fellowship and community life are sufficiently noble and worthy to demand a full allegiance of our hearts and lives.

There is a story told of a young man who had been in military training for some time. He had been granted his final leave and was paying a visit to his home. He was all keyed up with the spirit of the great adventure he was about to make. He was dwelling some on the sacrifice it might yet involve, even the giving of his life. His mind dwelt on these things and he wanted some spiritual guidance, some fellowship of the soul. He needed the companionship of someone who would be able to share his high purposes and help him get firm hold on the eternal, but, instead, he found that not only Father was busy in the factory, but Mother was employed in the shipyards; sisters also were in the aeroplane factory. Their minds dwelt altogether on their work, the money they were making and the pleasures they had which in periods of depression were not available to them, but there was no fellowship for the young man's soul and he had simply to leave home realizing that there was none who could share with him those things that build the inner man and fortify the soul. Will it be that men coming back from overseas will find themselves meeting like disappointment? Where there is no vision, the people perish. Much depends on whether we can see the dawning of a new day and the making of a world of moral and spiritual values rather than of material goods. Much depends on whether there are those in the community who are firmly convinced that it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that count most in human life and in the building of the new world.

It is my conviction that Freemasonry is in very truth a vast storehouse of such moral and spiritual principles and influences that ought to make it very effective in the building of a new world. In fact I think it is just such a purpose that called our first Grand Lodge into being and started that particular development of the Craft which has given to Freemasonry the specific form and direction with which we are best acquainted. When those four lodges met together in the City of London in the year 1717 and established the premier Grand Lodge of the world they were forward-looking men. They saw a new day ahead of them and they felt that the institution which they understood to be Freemasonry had a great contribution to make to a new world.

Now I put this construction upon the organization of the first Grand Lodge because I think the facts of history warrant it. There was a new day dawning and it followed a century of war, suffering, stringency and depression. The Seventeenth Century was one of the direction periods of British history. The early half of that century was a disturbed period, marked by the thirty-years' war abroad which brought England very considerable embarrassment and distress, and the quarrels between King and Parliament became more and more aggravated. In 1642 Civil War definitely broke out. Then in 1649

came the execution of King Charles, the setting up of the Commonwealth with Oliver Cromwell as Lord Protector. War at any time brings great moral and social problems but civil war in which a citizen's hand is raised against his fellow citizen, means the evils of war in the extreme. We are told that there is a tablet in a little English church on which is this inscription: "In the year 1653 when all things sacred throughout the nation were either demolished or profaned Sir Robert Shirley, Bart., founded this church, whose singular praise it is to have done the best things in the worst times and hoped them in the most calamitous". Now that inscription greatly attracts one's thought. As a memorial to a man's life, what more could any man desire than it should be said of him that he did the best things in the worst times and hoped them in the most calamitous. It certainly could be truly said of many people in the Old Land who have borne the brunt of the German assault in the last few years. But that is not the portion of the inscription in which I am interested. It is the declaration that in 1653 all things sacred throughout the nation were either demoralized or profaned. In 1653 the tide was out. The Cambridge Modern History says of that age that "the masses were ignored and brutalized, the governing classes intent only on pleasure and politics, the church chiefly occupied with patronage and controversy". Mark Pattison characterized the age as "one of decay of religion, licentiousness of morals, public corruption, public profaneness of language, an age destitute of depth and earnestness, an age whose poetry was without romance, whose philosophy was without insight, whose public men were without character". It was a dark night and there were no signs of dawn.

In 1660 came the restoration of the monarchy. This meant the fall of Puritanism, the breaking of the power that did struggle for moral standards. The flood-gates of looseness and licentiousness were thrown wide open. The latter days of the century were marked by further conflict between King and Parliament and by severe religious intolerance. Then came Monmouth's Rebellion and the accession of James II. At last, near the end of the century, England once again took a monarch off the throne and invited William of Orange and Mary to assume the sovereignty. With the turn of the century there was hope of better things. In 1707 came the active union of England and Scotland. Perfectly true, there were still wars abroad and difficulties and depressions at home but a new day had dawned and men were looking forward to a better standard of living and a better level of citizenship. In such an hour men felt that Freemasonry had in it not only that which would make a definite contribution to the spirit of freedom and constitutional liberty but would help establish a new order, a day of better moral and social conditions.

Freemasonry, we know, is a beautiful system of morality, and for the development of a nobler type of citizenship it has exceptional advantages. It is possible, after all, to see why this Guild of Masons as an operative Craft should have perpetuated itself in a philosophic and speculative institution into a system devoted to the building of character more than to the erection of material structures. There is, I think, no room for doubt that this operative Craft did project itself into the speculative system of Freemasonry. It is the one Craft out of the Middle Ages that did so continue. I believe it is generally recognized by students of Sociology that the Medieval trade guilds did not as a rule continue their existence. The modern trade union is not a projection of these guilds but is described rather as a movement

created by the industrial revolution. One guild did project itself, that of the Masons. For this I say there are reasons. One of these is that for centuries it has been associated with the erection of man's great cathedrals and churches, the institutions that represent the highest aspirations and endeavors of the human soul. Another reason is the fact that the tools of the builder are called by those names which are also the terms of our moral life—the square, the level, the plumb, the compasses—are all moral terms. They are words of ethical significance. Our language has so developed. There are no other adequate symbols nor words to express the ideas of uprightness and rectitude of conduct, of self control and the due restraint of human passions or the holding of behaviour within its proper bounds. Natural enough that this society should undergo this very transition with which we are acquainted, a transition from an operative trade to become a speculative or philosophic society. Freemasonry then could launch itself on to the world as the bearer of a philosophy of life, the promoter of worthy standards of good citizenship.

While the picture that I have been drawing of the Seventeenth Century was a dark picture it was not wholly black. There were some brighter pages in the record. It was just in this century that that transition occurred, the transition from operative to speculative Freemasonry. It was in this time, too, that the spirit of science and philosophy began to live, for the century was marked by the organization of the Royal Society, and a few great names are to be found—Milton, Bacon, John Locke, and in religion, John Bunyan. It was the time of the making of a new philosophy, both political, religious and scientific, a time when man's right to them, to know and to act with a sense of his own freedom and initiative, to do what he would do of his own free will and accord, was gaining recognition. Absolute authority, whether in state or church, was being opposed. The power of tradition was being challenged by the authority of reason and fact. Men believed in the power of reason. In this sense they were rationalists, advocates of the power of authority and reason. They were not irreligious or atheistic. Rather they believed that there was a just estimate to be formed of those wondrous faculties with which God had endowed the being created after His own image and that a man could feel and respond to the duty which God had thereby imposed upon him of cultivating those divine attributes with the most deliberate care and attention so that he might be enabled to show forth the glory of God and contribute to the happiness of mankind. The intellectual faculties in their judgment were worthy of contemplation and they sought to trace them in their development through the paths of Heavenly science even unto the throne of God Himself.

Never was there nobler purpose and indeed I unhesitatingly say I know no other institution except the church or the synagogue, only the institutions of religion, have a purpose which comes up to this great aim. We may reasonably say that the church has a larger reach, a broader aim, it takes in all mankind, men, women and children, and it seeks not only the moral development but the spiritual salvation of all. I do not call Freemasonry a religion and I do think the field of religion can only be covered by the church, but among moral institutions—institutions concerned with the moral welfare and the character of citizenship—where is there any movement that can compare with it? Rightly do we claim that Freemasonry is not only the most ancient but also the most moral of human institutions, as every character, figure and emblem has a moral tendency, it serves to inculcate the

practice of virtue in all its genuine professors. Personally I am proud to be in the Craft, I have found a free and happy fellowship in it. I am proud to think that in the life and in the community there is an institution that makes it its task to deal with the character of the man who is a citizen and to be concerned about the things that make life truly human and noble. Ours is a great association and we must know full well that from him to whom much is given much will be required. It is a great responsibility. Our privileges are greater than others. Likewise our responsibilities are greater. We must face these responsibilities.

Like our brethren who launched the first Grand Lodge upon the world, we too are facing a new day—a day of which there is much talk and many plans, perhaps too many. We cannot forget that at the close of the First Great War the whole political world rang with the words "Reconstruction", "Rehabilitation", "Back to Normalcy", and so forth. Much of it was political talk, out of which there came but scanty results. You know the story of the argument that went on between the Doctor, the Engineer and a Politician, as to which had the oldest profession. The Doctor claimed that in the Second Chapter of the Book of Genesis a surgical operation was described where it said that the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof; that it was surgery which therefore ranked first in the world. "But no", said the engineer, "you ought to have begun with the First Chapter of Genesis. The First Chapter of Genesis is the story of bringing order out of chaos. Now that is the work of engineering, and engineering is older than surgery". The politician saw his chance. He at once challenged them: "Say, you fellows, you tell them who made that chaos."

We are justified, I think, in saying that a better social order will depend not on blueprints and specific enactments rearranging the political, economic and industrial structures but upon the ideals that dominate the minds of the people, upon what may be called the ruling purposes and passions of life, upon those principles which constitute the architecture of the soul rather than the elements of political or industrial organization. Here I venture to submit to you a peace plan, not because I think it is the only one nor even because I think it is by any means final but it does indicate how the minds of some students of human welfare have looked toward the future and some ideals which they feel should be well established if we are to have security. This particular proposal had the backing of some forty-seven representative rabbis and members of the laity of the Jewish people; some forty-seven Roman Catholic Archbishops, Bishops, priests and laymen were also represented and some fifty leaders of Protestant churches, clergy and laity. They drew up the following principles:

- (1) The moral law must govern the world order;
- (2) The rights of the individual must be assured;
- (3) The rights of oppressed, weak or colonial peoples must be protected;
- (4) The rights of minorities must be secured;
- (5) International institutions to maintain peace with justice must be organized;
- (6) International economic co-operation must be developed;
- (7) A just social order within each state must be achieved.

Now I refrain from expounding each of these points but surely that

first one, that the moral law must govern the world order, would be acceptable to men who would ask that a man should be a good man and true and that he should strictly observe the moral law.

That the rights of individuals must be guaranteed is a worthy ideal because human freedom depends upon the recognition of the absolute worth of the individual. He must never be lost in the group or the state. The world's distress today arises largely from those who would make the state absolute and the individual subservient to the state. I do not forget the declaration of the Representatives of Christendom who met in Oxford University in 1937 when they declared that the state was made for man, not man for the state. The individual is an absolute as well as the collective whole and neither can be subordinated to the other. The right to act of one's own free will and accord is unalienable. Progress has been made when the individual has defied the group, whether it be the political group in the state or the ecclesiastical or economic group.

The rights of oppressed and weak people must be safeguarded. I have just read a book by Sir Norman Angel, a book entitled "Let The People Know", in which he points out very faithfully the great shame of the appeasement movement wherein many small states and weaker peoples were simply sacrificed by the greater powers. Such wrongs may have delayed the outbreak of war but they only make the ultimate problem all the harder.

It is also worthy of mention that the minds of men are coming to the place where they realize there must be some international police force, some tribunal and authority backed with power to put a check upon aggression in its very initial stages. That may go hard on pacifists but without an international policeman, some power to stop the tyrant in his nefarious schemes at the very beginning is necessary for the world's peace. We failed to secure such a tribunal and power at the end of the First Great War—we could earnestly hope that something better will be achieved at the end of this struggle.

Another factor that must come forcibly home is that we are all bound up in the same bundle of life. The welfare of other nations is our welfare. The inventions and developments of science and industry have all tended to shrink the size of the world and make us the neighbors of people that we once thought were far away. Now we are close together. Their welfare is our welfare, that not only because their troubles may be communicated to us but for a deeper reason—they are human beings like ourselves, concerned with the same struggle of life. They are our own brothers and sisters. The disease that should spread its ravages in some foreign country is our concern, not only because that disease might be communicable and travel to our own land but because other members of our own family are suffering and dying. Our human feelings are aroused. That millions die in China and India from starvation is our concern because it is a family affair and we have not become good worthy citizens until we are as much concerned with their hunger as we would be with the ravages of a famine in a neighboring province where our own relations live. That children are born who have not a chance to survive is our concern in a foreign land as truly as it is at home. Citizenship and World Citizenship is our field of operation. The building up of a human family that will live in peace and harmony over the face of the whole earth is our duty. Let not our purpose flag nor our aim grow slack until our whole duty is performed!

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:14 a.m.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

Edmonton, June 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith the Annual Report as Grand Librarian of this Grand Lodge.

Receipt of copies of Proceedings from Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal communication is hereby acknowledged. These have been sent to Reviewers, and where two copies have been received, one copy has been placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

There have been no replacements or additions purchased during the past year.

Grateful acknowledgement is hereby made of a gift of Mackey's Encyclopedia in two volumes, from Mrs. R. J. Crocker, widow of the late Bro. Crocker of Crossfield, Alberta, which have been placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

Some enquiries have been received from Lodges, and one set of the British Masonic Miscellany is now on loan. Several volumes dealing with specific subjects have been loaned during the year, to brethren, on application.

I am of the opinion that quite a few books belonging to Grand Lodge, loaned in previous years, have not been returned. Where such is the case, will the brethren in possession of same kindly return them as soon as possible.

Small sets of books of the travelling Library series, consisting of three volumes, are available, and can be loaned to Lodges on application. I shall at all times be glad to receive correspondence on this matter.

Fraternally submitted,

G. MOORE,
Grand Librarian.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23): "That the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AND THE BULLETIN

Edmonton, June 14th, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

In the absence of M. W. Bro. Alex M. Mitchell, due to illness, I beg to present the following report.

Educational work has been done largely through the medium of the *Bulletin*, the last few issues of which have been prepared with difficulty, due to the illness of the Editor.

Material published comes from widely separated Masonic sources, thus giving the brethren a varied viewpoint on Masonic affairs the world over.

The increased interest in the educational aspect of Masonry is noted in the extracts quoted, and published, from sundry sources.

In our own Jurisdiction, it is shown by the steady growth in circulation, month by month, of the *Bulletin*, and by the increased number of Lodges subscribing. One cannot help but feel that it is a step in the right direction, and beneficial, not only to the Lodges subscribing, but to the members receiving same, to see that every member receives a copy. Particularly is this the case with country members who find it difficult to attend every meeting. In such a case the monthly receipt of the *Bulletin* is a real help in maintaining the brother's interest in his Lodge, and the Craft at large.

The cost of production is, as usual, confined to the charges for printing and mailing only.

	1943	1944
Circulation	2,871	3,386
Number of Lodges subscribing	95	106
Cost (Gross) ..	\$520.31	\$567.70
Revenue from subscriptions	\$461.99	\$525.98
Cost to Grand Lodge (net)	\$ 58.32	\$ 41.72

We recommend that all Petitions for Initiation have attached thereto a copy of the letter issued by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education in 1936. The letter to be retained by the applicant on signing the Petition.

In closing we would express our sincere thanks to M. W. Bro. Mitchell for his untiring labors on this Committee, and hope and pray that he may soon be restored to good health.

Also we would thank M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, who has carried on the publication of *The Bulletin* for the past three months during M. W. Bro. Mitchell's illness.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) J. BOOTH,
Member of the Committee

In the discussion following the presentation of the Report on Masonic Research and Education, R. W. Bro. Betts (58) asked what letter was referred to in the Report. R. W. Bro. Booth (51) stated it was the letter authorized by the Committee on Research and Education some years ago, and which, at that time, was sent out to the Lodges as part of the Lodge Plan of Education, and read the letter. R. W. Bro. Betts thought such letters were being used to the detriment of Masonry by other Organizations in his District. R. W. Bro. Booth said there was no more in the letter to take exception to than there was in the Grand Lodge *Bulletin*. V. W. Bro. Morrison (24) stated that after some discussion in their Lodge they had decided not to use the letter. W. Bro. Robinson (23) suggested that the letter be attached to the application and should come back with the application. R. W. Bro. Lowle (51) said he would be very grieved to see such a letter discontinued. Something similar was used in British Columbia. The idea was to give a candidate some idea what he was coming into in petitioning for admission into Masonry, and the Committee felt he should be informed.

The Resolution to adopt the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education and Bulletin was moved by R. W. Bro. Booth (51), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124). An Amendment was then moved by V. W. Bro. Morrison (24), seconded by W. Bro. W. Little (1) that the reference in the Report of the Committee on Research and Education re the inclusion of a letter of information to a Candidate, be deleted" On being put to the vote, the Amendment was lost, and the Resolution to adopt the same was declared carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Notice of Motion to amend the voting system of Grand Lodge, as appearing on the Notice, then came up for consideration. It was moved by R. W. Bro. Fred Parker (9), seconded by W. Bro. J. G. Forster (39): "That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be amended to allow members of the Grand Lodge to vote by mail or in person, for all elective offices, and that the Committee be appointed by the Grand Master to bring in the necessary amendments at the next meeting of Grand Lodge." R. W. Bro. Parker then spoke to the Motion. On being put to the vote, the Motion was declared lost.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The Grand Master then called on W. Bro. Leonard O. Gould, Representative from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, for a few words:

Wor. Bro. Gould: "I bring greetings from the State of New York. Through the courtesy of your Grand Master some four months ago I received notice to the effect that I had been appointed as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near the Grand Lodge of New York. That was highly gratifying to me, and at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York which I attended, I was privileged to offer your very kind and hearty congratulations and best wishes. In return the then Grand Master of Masons, together with the present Grand Master, asked me to convey to the Grand Lodge of Alberta their very kind fraternal greetings. Under

ordinary circumstances it would be in the form of a letter, but I found it convenient to travel 2,500 miles with the main purpose of coming before you and delivering this report in person, and I do so now with a heart full of gratitude. Twenty-five years ago last October I was initiated, passed and raised in Provost Lodge, No. 61. I have never been able to attend that Lodge since, and so it is very gratifying to me to have the opportunity of attending an Alberta Grand Lodge and extending to you the kindest wishes and fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of New York."

The Grand Master in reply stated: "We are highly honored to have our representative from the Grand Lodge of New York with us today, and the brethren, I am sure, all appreciate your remarks and the good wishes you have brought, and also that you have come 2,500 miles to bring these greetings. We hope you will take back to your Grand Lodge our thanks for your being here, and best wishes for their continued success."

SUPERANNUATION OF GRAND SECRETARY

R. W. Bro. Ireland (9), Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and hoped to have something definite at the next Annual Communication.

Moved by R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88): "That the Report of the Committee on the Retirement and Super-annuation of the Grand Secretary be received."

Grand Master: "We are favored with a visitor from Manitoba, R. W. Bro. M. Donovan, Senior Grand Warden, and I will now call upon him."

ADDRESS

By R. W. Bro. M. DONOVAN

Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba

"It is an honor to be able to visit your Grand Communication and bring you greetings. Ordinarily I know the Grand Master is the one who should bring these greetings. Unfortunately our Grand Master had to be in another part of the country, and also our Deputy Grand Master. They asked me to convey their regrets. I have very much enjoyed my visit with you in Edmonton. I have been taken care of right from the time I stepped off the train. Even if the weather was damp, the greeting was warm. I have enjoyed your sessions and entertainment. I must congratulate you and your Grand Lodge Officers on the attendance.

As we think of our Masonry these days, I think you will have noticed from the speakers yesterday, we are thinking of our boys, and what Masonry is going to do after their return, and I would like to suggest this morning that there are going to be two phases of their return. When our boys come home they will be received with a great deal of fanfare and rejoicing. The Government have very extensive plans for taking care of them. But a short time after the first reception, things are going to die down a little, and I think it is then our Masonic Order is going to come into its own in taking care of our members and

sons of members and others not actively connected with Masonry. It is after the glory has ebbed away that a great many are going to be on their own. There will be individual cases of sickness, financial help required, but on the whole I suggest they will want a hand of friendship stretched out to them to lift them across the way. That, brethren, I suggest to you is what will be the great work of our Masonic Order in future years. I would like to thank you for the reception, and hope to have the pleasure of coming back."

ADDRESS

By R. W. Bro. ROBT. A. TATE

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

"Our M. W. Grand Master brought you official greetings. My greetings are personal. I appreciate very much indeed the many courtesies that have been extended to me. I appreciate the privilege of sitting in on your Board of General Purposes. I appreciated very much joining with you in that beautiful service yesterday morning. I appreciate the opportunity that was given me yesterday to visit M. W. Bro. Mitchell, a man whom I have held in high regard. I appreciate very much the outstanding address given by M. W. Bro. Brown, and enjoying with you the banquet.

Possibly you are to some extent interested in the progress we are making in Saskatchewan. During the past year there have been over 600 applications, with a net increase of 401. I am satisfied that it is, in spite of the size of the influx, a healthy increase. We have a fine type of material.

Lodges were never more active and more appreciative of the great fundamental truths of Freemasonry. Today our people in Saskatchewan are freely exercising their franchise in a Provincial election. You here, in the Grand Lodge of Alberta, are meeting without fear of interruption, without any fear of the Gestapo. Why are we privileged in Saskatchewan to exercise our franchise today, and why are you free as Masons to assemble here without molestation? Simply because the finest youth that God ever put breath into are fighting your battles and mine. Freemasonry has been the particular target of the Nazis and Fascists. I feel that we, as Freemasons, owe great debt to these lads wearing the King's uniform today. We owe them a particular debt, and I am suggesting, as I suggested throughout the length and breadth of our own Jurisdiction, that we should now be making plans to liquidate that debt. Winston Churchill said: "If you put off doing something until you can do everything, you will never do anything." Now is the time to be making this liquidation of the debt that we owe to these boys. I do not suggest, for one moment, that you slacken your war effort. It is going to be necessary to have funds if we are going to attempt, in a creditable manner, to discharge that debt. May I suggest every time you buy Victory Bonds that you buy two. One for the war, and the other to help some boy when he comes back—help some boy to get re-established. I listened last month to L/C. Carr of the R.C.N. He was straight from the battle front, and he made this statement—that since the outbreak of war, 29,200 men of the British Merchant Marine Service had lost their lives. Those men had lost their lives principally because of the fact that we adopted a

"live alone" policy after the last war. They lost their lives because they did not have sufficient protection. We were not prepared to fight this war. May I suggest we be prepared to make an outstanding contribution in winning the peace and re-establishing our boys?

HONORARY RANK CONFERRED

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris: "I am sure we have listened with a great deal of pleasure to our visitors at this Grand Communication. They have come to visit us from long distances, and no doubt at great inconvenience to themselves."

The following Motion was then moved by M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29): "That the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master be conferred upon M. W. Bro. J. C. Brown, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, M. W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and M. W. Bro. Charles E. Coe, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and the rank of Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden be conferred upon R. W. Bro. M. Donovan, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and the Honorary rank of Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be conferred upon W. Bro. Leonard O. Gould of New York, who is our representative near that Grand Lodge." The Resolution carried amid much applause.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 388 members and 27 Master Masons registered present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 605, consisting of 68 W.M.'s with 176 votes; 23 S.W.'s with 35 votes; 14 J.W.'s with 20 votes; 287 Past Masters with 287 votes and 29 Proxies with 87 votes.

122 Chartered Lodges are represented.

28 Chartered Lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
2. Medicine Hat.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
3. Alberta.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
4. North Star.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
5. Cascade.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
6. Spitzie.....	..	3	..	2	..	5
7. Edmonton.....	2	1	..	13	..	16

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
8. Innisfail.....	1	1	..	3	..	5
9. Perfection.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
10. Eureka.....	..	..	3	2	..	5
11. Acacia.....	3	..	..	18	..	21
12. Red Deer.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
13. Victoria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Jasper.....	3	..	..	10	..	13
15. Wetaskiwin.....	1	1	1	4	..	7
16. Mountain View...	2	1	..	6	..	9
17. Nanton.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
18. Britannia.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
19. Cornerstone.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
20. Carstairs.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
21. King Hiram.....	1	1	1	1	..	4
22. Corinthian.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
23. Calgary.....	..	..	..	4	3	7
24. Vermilion.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
25. St. John's.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
26. Sentinel.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
27. Apollo.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
28. Ashlar.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
29. Kenilworth.....	3	..	..	5	..	8
30. Summit.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
31. Doric.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
32. Cairo.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
33. Stavely.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
34. Star of the West ..	..	..	..	1	3	4
35. Mizpah.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
36. Gleichen.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
37. Camrose.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
38. Hope.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
39. Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
40. Joppa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
41. King Solomon.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
42. Bowden.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
43. Tuscan.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
44. Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
45. Ionic.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
46. Palestine.....	2	..	1	5	..	8
47. Chinook.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
48. Crossfield.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
49. Robert Burns.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
50. Comet.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
51. Unity.....	1	..	1	15	..	17
53. Strathmore.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
54. Mount Lebanon...	3	..	..	..	..	3
55. Bassano.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
56. Beaver.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
57. Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58. Chief Mountain...	..	..	..	3	3	6
59. King George.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
60. Acme.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
61. Provost.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
62. Melrose.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
63. Empire.....	1	1	1	11	..	14

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
64. Bow Island.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
65. Diamond City.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
66. St. Andrew's.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
67. Charity.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
68. Edson.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
69. Connaught.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
70. Quarry.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
71. Tawatinaw.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
72. Coronation.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
73. Brooks.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
74. Vulcan.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
75. Harmony.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
76. Fidelity.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
77. Strathcona.....	2	..	1	5	..	8
78. Hanna.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
79. Morning Star.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
80. Excelsior.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
81. Commercial.....	3	..	..	6	..	9
82. Acadia.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
83. Zetland.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
84. Champion.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
86. Rocky Mountain..	3	..	..	..	..	3
87. Crescent.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
88. Wahun.....	..	..	3	3	..	6
89. Peace River.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
90. Norwood.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
91. Patricia.....	2	1	..	4	..	7
92. Saskatchewan.....	2	..	1	9	..	12
93. Symbol.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
94. Lamont.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
95. Kitchener.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
96. Dynamic.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
97. Albion.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
98. Hand Hill.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
100. Verdigris.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
101. West Edmonton...	1	1	1	2	..	5
102. Edgerton.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
103. Foremost.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
104. Oyen.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
105. Grande Prairie....	..	..	..	5	3	8
106. Lake Saskatoon...	..	..	..	3	..	3
107. Carbon.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
108. Pyramid.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
110. Kilwinning.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
111. Nobleford.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
113. Cyprus.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
114. Westlock.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
115. Crocus.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
116. Spirit River.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
117. Dominion.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
118. St. Mark's.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
119. York.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
120. Monitor.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
122. Rising Sun.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
123. Rockyford.....	..	..	..	1	3	4

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
124. Concord	..	..	..	5	3	8
125. Cavell	..	..	..	1	3	4
126. Pembina	..	..	..	..	..	..
127. Granite	..	..	..	1	3	4
128. Forestburg	3	..	..	4	..	7
129. Meridian	3	..	..	3	..	6
130. Hussar	..	..	..	..	..	..
131. Kitscoty	..	..	1	..	..	1
132. Craigmyle	..	..	..	..	..	..
133. Manyberries	..	..	..	1	..	1
134. Renfrew	3	..	..	3	..	6
135. Alliance	..	..	..	..	..	..
136. Cresset	..	..	..	..	..	..
137. Irricana	..	..	..	..	..	..
138. Onoway	..	..	..	..	..	..
140. Big Valley	2	1	..	1	..	4
141. Efficiency	3	..	..	..	..	3
142. Ivanhoe	2	1	..	13	..	16
143. Jasper Park	..	..	..	1	..	1
144. Gratton	..	3	..	..	..	3
145. St. Alban's	..	..	..	2	..	2
146. Drumheller	3	..	..	..	..	3
147. Northland	..	..	1	..	..	1
148. Mayerthorpe	..	..	..	1	..	1
151. Locheam	3	..	..	1	..	4
152. Standard	..	..	..	1	3	4
153. Whitecourt	3	..	..	1	..	4
154. Waskatenau	..	..	3	1	..	4
156. Hythe	2	1	..	4	..	7
157. Sharon	..	3	..	..	..	3
158. Berry Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..
159. Lucerne	..	..	..	1	3	4
160. Sexsmith	..	..	..	2	3	5
	176	35	20	287	87	605

Fraternally submitted,

T. W. BULL, *Chairman.*

A. J. G. LAUDER.

Resolved on motion of R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), seconded by W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder (11): "That the Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

VOTE OF THANKS

Resolved on motion of W. Bro. G. V. Bolton (71), seconded by W. Bro. H. W. Lovell (46): "That a vote of thanks be extended to those city brethren who so kindly gave up their banquet tickets so that out-of-town members could attend." Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

Edmonton, June 15, 1944.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Scrutineers for the election of officers report as follows:

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Deputy Grand Master.. R. W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Crane-Williams (105)
Senior Grand Warden . R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond (78)
Grand Treasurer..... R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23)
Grand Secretary..... M. W. Bro. George Moore (23)
Grand Chaplain..... R. W. Bro. Rev. John W. House (36)

The following officers were elected by ballot:

Junior Grand Warden.. R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11)
Grand Registrar..... V. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis (11)

The ballot for the Board of General Purposes resulted as follows:

R. W. Bro. John Booth (51).....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. W. T. Coote (11).....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86).....	Blairmore
R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Harry Ford (76).....	Bashaw
R. W. Bro. A. Paton (92).....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. R. G. Thomson (51).....	Edmonton
*R. W. Bro. Jos. Madill (142).....	Edmonton

(*Unexpired term of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse.)

For the Board of Benevolence the following were elected:

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deer
V. W. Bro. Geo. W. Bureau (134).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest

Fraternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by
R. W. Bro. John Patterson (77): "That the Report of the Board of
Scrutineers be received and adopted."

R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38) was unanimously re-elected to
the office of Grand Tyler.

The following District Deputy Grand Masters, who were elected at their District Meetings, were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

R. W. Bro. A. C. Archibald (23)	D.D.G.M. No. 1	District
R. W. Bro. H. J. Hargrave (133)	D.D.G.M. No. 2	District
R. W. Bro. John B. Snape (143)	D.D.G.M. No. 3	District
R. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell (29)	D.D.G.M. No. 4	District
R. W. Bro. William Smith Jr. (128)	D.D.G.M. No. 5	District
R. W. Bro. William Fisher (22)	D.D.G.M. No. 6	District
R. W. Bro. Herbert A. Walter (58)	D.D.G.M. No. 7	District
R. W. Bro. Joseph Emmerson (30)	D.D.G.M. No. 8	District
R. W. Bro. Alex S. Bissett (45)	D.D.G.M. No. 9	District
R. W. Bro. Thos. E. Jewell (154)	D.D.G.M. No. 10	District
R. W. Bro. Stanley E. Craig (49)	D.D.G.M. No. 11	District
R. W. Bro. Leonard C. Stevens (14)	D.D.G.M. No. 12	District
R. W. Bro. Carl B. Anderson (156)	D.D.G.M. No. 13	District
R. W. Bro. W. C. Agar (115)	D.D.G.M. No. 14	District
R. W. Bro. Arthur A. Kidd (66)	D.D.G.M. No. 15	District
R. W. Bro. C. P. Dahl (152)	D.D.G.M. No. 16	District
R. W. Bro. H. W. Lovell (46)	D.D.G.M. No. 17	District

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. William Ireland, Grand Master-elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. William Flett (59)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. William Ruff (101)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. J. C. McDougall (9)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Clifford Higgin (83)	V. W. Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. W. D. Spence (142)	Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. Geo. A. Orr (84)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. J. Rodney Smith (125)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. R. J. Shaw (38)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Gilbert T. Jackson (10)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Harry Wood (53)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. W. M. Edwards (4)	Grand Steward

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:25 a.m.

Labor was resumed at 11:55 a.m.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28), seconded by M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29): "That a sincere vote of thanks be extended to the Edmonton Masonic Temple for the use of their splendid building, and for the work of all those Edmonton brethren who labored to make Grand Lodge so successful." Carried unanimously.

Thanks were also extended to the Brethren in the T. Eaton Company for the use of their Flags, and to M. W. Bro. J. Martland for his instruction to the brethren who carried the Flags, and to all the brethren who helped to make this Grand Lodge one of the best ever held.

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed Officers were duly installed and invested by M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis, P.G.M., assisted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. W. Bro. Melford S. Eby. M. W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., presented the Grand Master-elect.

At the conclusion of the Installation, M. W. Bro. Ellis said:

"I do not want to make any lengthy remarks, but I do want to say that in these days of stress and strain the responsibility of office is a very responsible undertaking. Whether we are officers of this Grand Body or not, we are members of it, and as such we should be willing to take upon ourselves and discharge with fidelity the duties of that responsibility. May I say that the service to humanity of Grand Lodge can only be successfully carried out by having a unity of purpose of all that is highest in this Grand Fraternity, and in consequence I ask you for continued harmony. I ask you for a great measure of your time and energy in presenting Masonry to the world at large, and in so doing that our M. W. Grand Master may present to Grand Lodge on the forthcoming year, a most creditable report, not of his performance, but of yours and mine.

M. W. Bro. Ireland: "I cannot state how deeply I appreciate the very efficient and impressive manner in which you have conducted this Installation. It is something that will long live with me, and my hearty thanks to you for your services."

PRESENTATION

Following the Installation of Officers, the newly installed Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Ireland, presented the retiring Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley, with the Jewel of a Past Grand Master. In addressing M. W. Bro. Bradley, M. W. Bro. Ireland said: "It is my privilege at this time to present to you the Jewel of Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. You have labored well during the past year—how well is demonstrated by the wonderful Reports that have been presented, and the esteem in which you are held by your brethren. You have had one of the largest Grand Lodges ever held. It speaks well for your efforts during the past year, and I trust you will be long spared among us, and that I may depend on you to assist me in every way you can."

In reply, M. W. Bro. Bradley said: "Thank you, M. W. Sir, and thank you again for all the wonderful things you have done for me and with me. All you have done I appreciate personally, but I appreciate it much more in the name of Freemasonry. You have been all that

Masonic brethren could be in the discharge of your duties throughout the Province and this Grand Jurisdiction. I hope the spirit of enthusiasm here pervades all our brethren. Take it home to your Lodges, and I hope that it carries on and increases during your year of office."

M. W. Bro. Bradley, in presenting the D.D.G.M.'s with the Certificates of their office, stated "I know of no group of D.D.G.M.'s who have ever taken as seriously as you men have done this year, the duties of your office. I congratulate this Grand Lodge in having such faithful servants, and also in having the honor of having served this Grand Jurisdiction."

M. W. Bro. Ireland in his closing remarks said: "We go forward, following another Grand Lodge, with determination that Freemasonry as we have known it in the past will maintain that high standard, and we shall endeavor to go still higher, if it is possible. There is one question and one matter that is very close to my heart, and one which I am very, very anxious to get well on the way during this year, and that is the question of rehabilitation. We have a Grand Lodge Committee located in Edmonton and one in Calgary. These Committees will be purely advisory Committees. We will endeavor to set up the necessary machinery, but the actual work will be done by the lodges, and I want you to understand that the Committee is not going to take away the prerogative of your Lodge. The Lodge will do the work and make the actual contact. We will lay down the policy, and endeavor to meet you at all times. I want you to give serious consideration in your Lodges to this work. I want you to appoint men who are fully conversant with the seriousness of the situation, who are capable of lending some assistance along this line, that the Grand Lodge may do something that will go down to their honor and glory.

"I thank you most sincerely for the honor you have placed on me, and I trust I shall merit the same."

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 1 o'clock p.m. and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



George Moore

Grand Secretary.

GRAND OFFICERS, 1944-45

M. W. Bro. WILLIAM IRELAND (9) GRAND MASTER
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R. W. Bro. William Fisher (22), Okotoks D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Herbert A. Walter (58), Spring Coulee D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Joseph Emmerson (30), Coleman D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Alex. S. Bissett (45), Alix D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Thos. E. Jewell (154) D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
 P. O. Box No. 15, Waskatenau.

R. W. Bro. Stanley E. Craig (49) Carmangay D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.

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R. W. Bro. W. C. Agar (115), Cereal D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Arthur A. Kidd (66), Elnora D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.

R. W. Bro. C. P. Dahl (152), Standard D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.

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V. W. Bro. R. J. Shaw (38), Mannville.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Gilbert T. Jackson (10), Lacombe.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Harry Wood (53), Strathmore.....	Grand Steward
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BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

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R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Grand Treasurer.....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. George Moore (23), Grand Secretary.....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deer
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
V. W. Bro. George W. Bureau (134).....	Calgary
*R. W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28).....	Calgary
* W. Bro. Dr. W. W. Upton (83).....	Calgary
*M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29).....	Red Deer
*R. W. Bro. Jesse Elliott (2).....	Medicine Hat
(*)—Appointed by Grand Master.	

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President.....	R. W. Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Crane-Williams
Vice-President.....	R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond
Secretary.....	M. W. Bro. George Moore

By Virtue of Office

M. W. Bro. William Ireland (9), Grand Master.....	Calgary
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Past Grand Masters

M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (4).....	Lethbridge
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deer
M. W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37).....	London, Ont.
M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. T. F. English (23).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton (58).....	Cardston

M. W. Bro. Dr. S. M. Snedden (18).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. John Martland (63).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83).....	Winnipeg, Man.
M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman (16).....	Olds
M. W. Bro. A. West (7).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. George Moore (23).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88).....	High Prairie
M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124).....	Calgary
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R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Grand Treasurer.....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis (11), Grand Registrar.....	Edmonton
And all District Deputy Grand Masters.	

Elected by Grand Lodge

R. W. Bro. John Booth (51).....	Edmonton
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R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Harry Ford (76).....	Bashaw
R. W. Bro. A. Paton (92).....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28).....	Calgary
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*R. W. Bro. David Patterson (83).....	Calgary
*R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134).....	Calgary
*R. W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137).....	Irricana
*V. W. Bro. George W. Skene (9).....	Calgary
*V. W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83).....	Calgary
(**) -Expires June, 1945—unexpired term of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse.	
(*) -Term expires with Annual Communication, June, 1945.	

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In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
SISTER GRAND LODGES



*"To live in the hearts we leave behind,
is not to die."*

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Reverently inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Arizona.....	Glore, Henry Gordon, P.G.M.	May 24, 1943
Colorado.....	Patton, Charles Alfred, G.Sec., P.G.M..	Aug. 19, 1943
Colorado.....	Painter, Charles Fremont, P.G.M.	Dec. 29, 1943
Costa Rica.....	Guell, Tomas Soley, P.G.M.....	Jan. 10, 1943
Costa Rica.....	Tomas Povedano de Arco, P.G.M.....	Feb. 28, 1943
Costa Rica... ..	Emilio de Mezerville Ossaye, P.G.M. ...	April 7, 1943
Costa Rica... ..	Ramiro Aguilar Villanave, P.G.M. ...	Dec. 16, 1943
Delaware.....	Highfield, William J., P.G.M.	Aug. 13, 1943
Delaware.....	Stuart, Joseph, P.G.M.....	Jan. 14, 1944
Delaware.....	Grier, G. Layton, P.G.M.	Mar. 17, 1944
Florida.....	Cheves, Wallace R., P.G.M.	Feb. 4, 1944
Georgia... ..	Clarke, William Bordley, P.G.M.....	May 14, 1943
Indiana.....	Dunbar, James W., P.G.M.....	May 19, 1943
Kentucky	Rhea, Dr. Roland Herman Clark, P.G.M.	May 22, 1943
Kentucky.....	Phillips, John Lionel, P.G.M.....	June 8, 1943
Kentucky	Dietzman, Judge Richard Priest, P.G.M.	Dec. 22, 1943
Maine	Tuttle, Charles Edwin, S.G.W.....	July 6, 1943
Maine.....	Caswell, Millard Marcellus, J.G.W. ...	Dec. 19, 1943
Maine.....	Arnold, Frank B., J.G.W.	April 2, 1944
Maine.....	Carter, Amos A., J.G.W.	April 7, 1944
Michigan.....	Thompson, James Herbert, P.G.M. ...	Dec. 19, 1943
Mississippi.....	Power, George Boyd, P.G.M.	Dec. 7, 1943
Nebraska.....	Wemple, John Jay, P.G.M.	May 28, 1943
Nebraska.....	Epperson, Ambrose C., P.G.M.....	Mar. 16, 1944
Ohio.....	Williams, Nelson, P.G.M.....	Feb. 11, 1944
Rhode Island... ..	Bemis, Reuben Samuel, P.G.M.	Sept. 23, 1943
Rhode Island... ..	Batty, James E., P.G.M.....	Oct. 14, 1943
Rhode Island... ..	Lawton, Joseph, P.G.M.....	Oct. 21, 1943
Rhode Island... ..	Scott, Wilbur Allen, P.G.M.	Oct. 25, 1943
Rhode Island... ..	Chase, Edwin Orian, P.G.M.....	Dec. 10, 1943
Rhode Island... ..	Ward, George Franklin, P.G.M.....	Jan. 20, 1944
Saskatchewan... ..	Davidson, Charles Oscar, P.G.M.	Feb. 22, 1944
Washington....	Skaggs, Thomas Edward, P.G.M.	May 31, 1943
Washington....	Kizer, Don F., Grand Master.....	Feb. 23, 1944
West Virginia... ..	Peck, Dorsey Carlisle, P.G.M.....	June 15, 1943
Wisconsin.....	Langdon, John Edwin, P.G.M.....	Jan. 3, 1944

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*"Always in the valley
Shadows darkest lie:
But look up—the sunbeams
Gild a cloudless sky:
And while we sit grieving
In the shadows cold,
All the mountain's summit
Is tinted with gold."*

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In Memoriam

M. W. Bro. GEORGE W. KERBY, D.D., LL.D., B.A., E.D.
July 18th, 1860 - February 9th, 1944
Grand Master, 1931-1932

Another link in the chain of our eminent Past Grand Masters was broken on February 9th by the passing of M. W. Bro. George W. Kerby, at the advanced age of 83 years. He was Grand Master of Masons in Alberta during the term 1931-1932 and to the end took an active interest in the affairs of the Craft.

Dr. Kerby's life was cast in the field of education in which he was a leader for more than forty years. Ordained in the Methodist Ministry, he served several congregations in Ontario and came west to Calgary in 1902, where after pioneer adventures, he was leader in the promotion and erection of the Central Methodist Church in the heart of the growing young city.

In 1910 he became Principal of the newly organized Mount Royal College, a position he held until he retired from active service in 1942.

Throughout his long life his influence was known and felt in many organizations, including Rotary, the Canadian Federation of Home and School, as Honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and in several branches of Freemasonry.

As an orator of note his services were in great demand all over North America and many triumphs before huge audiences are recorded in his brilliant career.

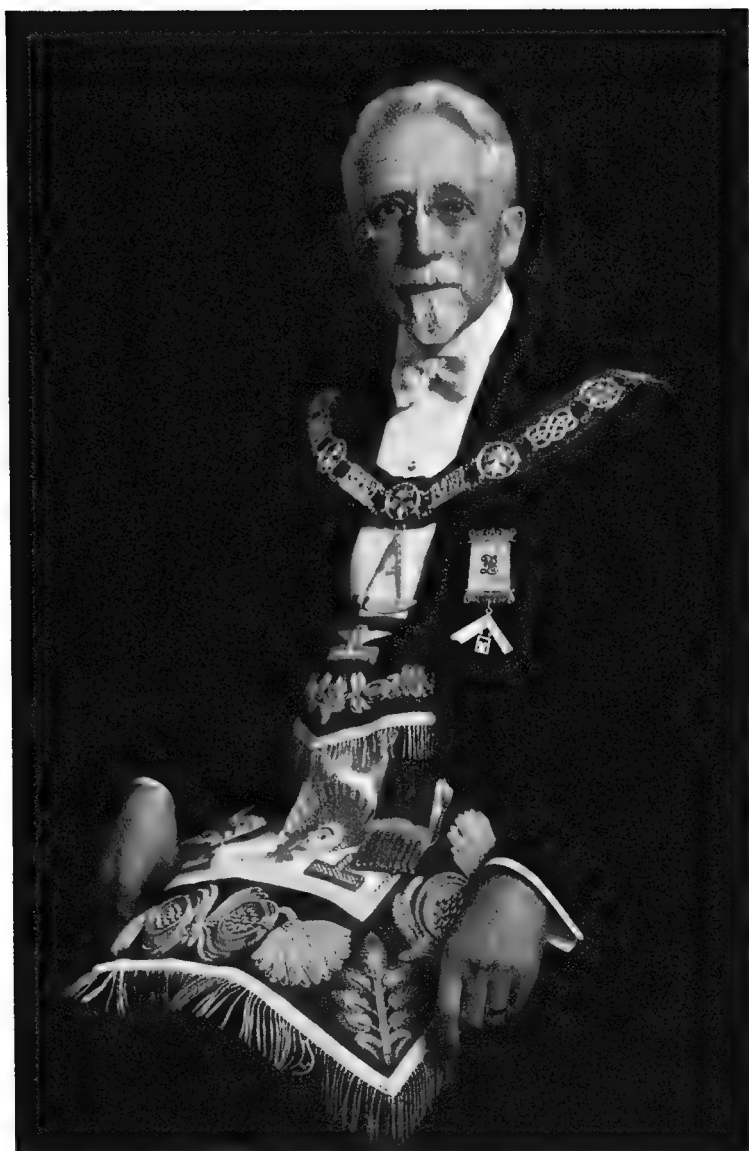
His greatest energy was directed to the service of youth and in that service, both as pastor and teacher, he labored until the end with results in attainment and affection among his pupils which will form a monument to his memory such as few men can claim.

In Freemasonry he was loved and respected as an active apostle of the finest philosophy of the Craft and all it stands for and his ever cheerful presence at Masonic gatherings great and small will be missed by his brethren. Dr. Kerby was the recipient of many honors, educational, civil, and military, but of none was he more proudly conscious than that of being Grand Master of Masons.

He is survived by a son, Air Vice Marshal H. Spencer Kerby in the R.A.F., and a daughter, Mrs. Helen Cowan, of Vancouver. Mrs. Kerby predeceased him in 1938.

A great soul has gone and his Brethren mourn.

A.M.M.



M. W. BRO. GEORGE W. KERBY
Grand Master, 1931-1932

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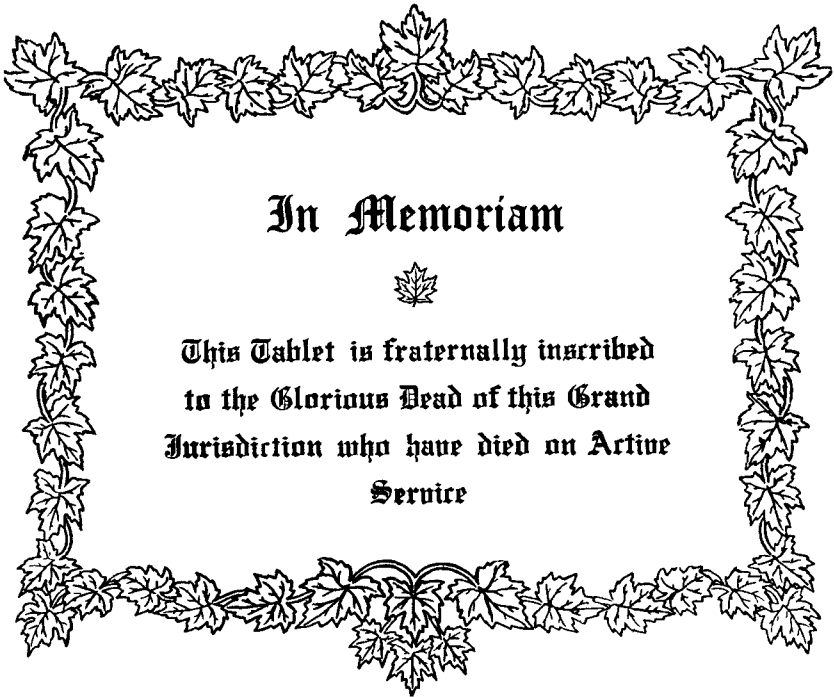
<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
2.	Medicine Hat....	Begg, David.....	Jan. 12, 1943
2.	Medicine Hat....	Trotman, Austin G.....	Jan. 29, 1943
2.	Medicine Hat....	Chaseley, John Henry.....	Mar. 17, 1943
2.	Medicine Hat....	Becker, Richard Cecil.....	May 23, 1943
2.	Medicine Hat....	Jordan, James S.....	Nov. 24, 1943
2.	Medicine Hat....	Russell, Frederick.....	Nov. 28, 1943
3.	Alberta.....	Pollakowsky, Charles Rudolph...	Jan. 1, 1943
3.	Alberta.....	Jessup, Ralph Campbell.....	May 2, 1943
3.	Alberta.....	Allan, John.....	Sept. 23, 1943
3.	Alberta.....	Swinarton, John.....	Oct. 15, 1943
4.	North Star.....	Reid, Arthur.....	Jan. 22, 1943
4.	North Star.....	McLean, Clarence Charles.....	Feb. 6, 1943
4.	North Star.....	Smith, Alexander.....	April 8, 1943
4.	North Star.....	Livingstone, Robert.....	April 10, 1943
4.	North Star.....	Craig, John.....	Oct. 29, 1943
4.	North Star.....	Maylor, John.....	Nov. 16, 1943
5.	Cascade.....	Parkins, Joseph Melville Lorne...	May 13, 1943
5.	Cascade.....	Bennett, Ernest Isaac.....	Aug. 1, 1941
5.	Cascade.....	Warren, William.....	July 13, 1943
5.	Cascade.....	Busch, Frederick Chalmers.....	July 15, 1943
5.	Cascade.....	Chalmers, James.....	Aug. 26, 1943
6.	Spitzie.....	Fleming, Alex.....	Sept. 1943
6.	Spitzie.....	Grant, Hugh.....	Nov. 1943
7.	Edmonton.....	Griffith, William Fraser.....	Feb. 18, 1943
7.	Edmonton.....	Barnhouse, Francis.....	July 18, 1943
7.	Edmonton.....	Castor, Paul Mark.....	Dec. 12, 1943
7.	Edmonton.....	George, William Gordon.....	Sept. 21, 1943
7.	Edmonton.....	Heron, John White.....	Nov. 16, 1943
7.	Edmonton.....	Tyler, John Jacob.....	Aug. 13, 1943
8.	Innisfail.....	McLean, Lauchlin M.....	Nov. 11, 1943
9.	Perfection.....	Bell, Nathan.....	Jan. 31, 1943
9.	Perfection.....	McKinney, James.....	May 24, 1943
9.	Perfection.....	Martin, Stephen James.....	Mar. 22, 1943
9.	Perfection.....	McLennan Willis Donald.....	April 2, 1943

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
9.	Perfection	McFarland, John Irwin	Feb. 6, 1943
9.	Perfection	Campbell, Lachlaine Archibald	Oct. 24, 1943
9.	Perfection	Payzant, Godfrey Philip	Aug. 22, 1943
9.	Perfection	Peacock, Mark Bennett	Nov. 1, 1943
10.	Eureka	Minkler, Lewis P.	April 7, 1943
10.	Eureka	Owen, Percy Campbell	June 15, 1943
10.	Eureka	Elliott, William L.	Jan. 7, 1943
11.	Acacia	Thompson, Hercules A.	Feb. 28, 1943
11.	Acacia	Bowen, Peter Edwin	Oct. 22, 1943
12.	Red Deer	Payne, William E.	April 21, 1943
12.	Red Deer	MacDonald, William L.	April 10, 1943
12.	Red Deer	Carscallen, Stanley W.	June 28, 1943
14.	Jasper	Timm, William Frederick	April 30, 1943
14.	Jasper	Howard, Ernest Edward	May 16, 1943
14.	Jasper	Parney, Lyman Delmar	Sept. 22, 1943
14.	Jasper	Corlett, Lionel	Dec. 9, 1943
15.	Wetaskiwin	Vickers, James	Mar. 24, 1943
16.	Mountain View	Mann, Samuel Clifford	Mar. 6, 1943
16.	Mountain View	Sweetapple, Charles H. H.	Mar. 19, 1943
16.	Mountain View	Kenney, Henry Patrick	Oct. 30, 1943
18.	Britannia	McWilliam, Robt. William	Jan. 23, 1943
18.	Britannia	Wight, John	May 25, 1943
18.	Britannia	Reid, Andrew	June 5, 1943
18.	Britannia	Larsen, Walter F.	Dec. 15, 1943
19.	Cornerstone	Powell, Henry	May 19, 1943
19.	Cornerstone	Goodwin, Henry Thomas	June 5, 1943
19.	Cornerstone	Lehr, Charles	July 2, 1943
19.	Cornerstone	Ballachey, Alec. Addington	Sept. 25, 1943
22.	Corinthian	Hutchinson, John Muir	Jan. 22, 1943
22.	Corinthian	Forckel, Chas. Felix Fred	Aug. 7, 1943
23.	Calgary	Cameron, Thomas H.	April 15, 1943
24.	Vermilion	Castle, Philip Henry	Sept. 16, 1943
24.	Vermilion	Morrison, Alexander Johnson	Sept. 24, 1943
24.	Vermilion	Mooney, James C.	Oct. 26, 1943
25.	St. John's	Arthur, Dr. George	Mar. 21, 1943
27.	Apollo	Connolly, Norman Wells	Nov. 3, 1943
28.	Ashlar	Fetterly, Philip Austin	June 20, 1943
28.	Ashlar	Reader, William R.	Jan. 26, 1943

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
28.	Ashlar.....	McFarlane, William Henry.....	Jan. 23, 1943
28.	Ashlar.....	Boyce, Josiah Robert.....	Mar. 25, 1943
28.	Ashlar.....	Lane, Charles Edward.....	April 2, 1943
32.	Cairo.....	Arnestad, Olaf C.....	Sept. 20, 1943
35.	Mizpah.....	Gallup, Christopher Columbus..	Feb. 14, 1943
35.	Mizpah.....	Boylan, James Franklin.....	Aug. 16, 1943
36.	Gleichen.....	Watwood, Harry.....	Jan. 4, 1943
37.	Camrose.....	Sutherland, David.....	June 1, 1943
39.	Lethbridge.....	Erickson, Olaf.....	June 20, 1943
39.	Lethbridge.....	King, William George.....	Aug. 9, 1943
39.	Lethbridge.....	Whelan, George.....	Dec. 4, 1943
40.	Joppa.....	Mikkelsen, Agnar.....	Jan. 12, 1943
41.	King Solomon....	Allan, Samuel Bell.....	May 6, 1943
41.	King Solomon....	Coppock, Ralph Clifton..	July 27, 1943
42.	Bowden.....	Houston, Samuel James.....	May 29, 1943
44.	Buffalo Park....	Burr, Leonard D.....	May 10, 1943
44.	Buffalo Park....	Wheaton, Arthur G.....	May 22, 1943
44.	Buffalo Park....	Kenny, Nicholas Samuel.....	
45.	Ionic.....	Brindle, James.....	May 1942
45.	Ionic.....	Tallman, William Clarenden....	Aug. 27, 1943
48.	Crossfield.....	Farr, Leslie.....	May 30, 1943
49.	Robert Burns....	Bowman, James Luther.....	Jan. 30, 1943
51.	Unity.....	Hall, John Fleming..	Jan. 5, 1943
51.	Unity.....	Leonard, Francis Edward.....	Feb. 16, 1943
51.	Unity.....	Blackwood, Matthew.....	June 10, 1943
51.	Unity.....	Morris, Gabriel.....	Sept. 30, 1943
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Potter, James M.....	Mar. 6, 1943
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Wheater, Joshua.....	Jan. 13, 1943
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Woods, John C.....	Feb. 4, 1943
56.	Beaver.....	Young, John Oliver.....	Sept. 24, 1943
57.	Grassy Lake....	Larsen, James L.....	May 22, 1943
59.	King George....	Millar, John Forrest.....	Mar. 4, 1943
59.	King George....	Black, William Clifford.....	July 20, 1943
59.	King George....	Davidson, Robert.....	Aug. 12, 1943
59.	King George....	White, Robert Edwin.....	Sept. 29, 1943
59.	King George....	Wellock, John P.....	Oct. 29, 1943
59.	King George....	Crockett, Edward Irving.....	Nov. 29, 1943
60.	Acme.....	Grainger, William Henry.....	Mar. 17, 1943

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
60.	Acme	Young, Gerald Arthur	1943
60.	Acme	MacInnes, Miles	Dec. 1, 1943
60.	Acme	Brett, Rev. R. H.	July 1943
61.	Provost	Agar, Norval	Jan. 31, 1943
62.	Melrose	Fowler, Archibald	Dec. 27, 1943
63.	Empire	Beresford, Joseph Henry	Sept. 24, 1943
64.	Bow Island	Reid, James Walter	Mar. 10, 1943
64.	Bow Island	Hamilton, Alex.	April 23, 1943
65.	Diamond City	Rogers, Wesley Thomas	Jan. 26, 1943
65.	Diamond City	James, John Henry	Sept. 13, 1943
66.	St. Andrew's	McArthur, Peter Archivald	Nov. 6, 1943
67.	Charity	Wright, Francis Gardner	July 2, 1943
67.	Charity	Shaw, John Young	Dec. 17, 1943
70.	Quarry	Osgood, Alfred George	April 4, 1943
70.	Quarry	Stone, Edward L.	Aug. 17, 1943
72.	Coronation	Cuthbert, Thomas Nicoll	Oct. 28, 1943
76.	Fidelity	Cumming, James E.	Oct. 7, 1943
77.	Strathcona	Pettitt, Herbert Charles	Aug. 24, 1943
77.	Strathcona	Baker, James Davidson	July 19, 1943
81.	Commercial	Prior, Archibald Henry	Sept. 10, 1943
83.	Zetland	Harness, John William	Jan. 15, 1943
83.	Zetland	Smith, John	Jan. 25, 1943
83.	Zetland	Rankin, Hugh	Jan. 26, 1943
83.	Zetland	Weir, Robert H.	Feb. 19, 1943
83.	Zetland	Reynolds, Horace	May 18, 1943
83.	Zetland	Steward, Charles Allan	June 15, 1943
87.	Crescent	McGeachan, Douglas Murray	June 28, 1943
88.	Wahpun	Spaulding, Charles Solon	July 26, 1943
89.	Peace River	George Herbert A.	April 28, 1943
89.	Peace River	Ridley, James Arthur	1943
90.	Norwood	Sugden, Albert Edward	Jan. 20, 1943
91.	Patricia	Cairns, Thomas F.	Mar. 3, 1943
91.	Patricia	Bosworth, Richard Thomas	Nov. 17, 1943
91.	Patricia	Glancey, James	Dec. 29, 1943
91.	Patricia	Lovatt, William	Oct. 8, 1943
92.	Saskatchewan	Dexter, I. V.	July 6, 1943
93.	Symbol	Taylor, Samuel	Mar. 27, 1943
93.	Symbol	Trumbel, James	Nov. 10, 1943

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
97.	Albion	Lewis, Fred Earle	Jan. 16, 1943
98.	Hand Hill	Morrison, William Oliver	Nov. 15, 1943
98.	Hand Hill	Burke, Norman	Nov. 20, 1943
98.	Hand Hill	Smith, George	July 25, 1943
101.	West Edmonton	Rathbone, Richard Roland	Mar. 1, 1943
103.	Foremost	McFarland, George Edward	Sept. 25, 1943
105.	Grande Prairie	Lemke, John	May 21, 1943
105.	Grande Prairie	Harmer, Benjamin Folger	April 15, 1943
105.	Grande Prairie	Pain, Harry Selsey	Nov. 12, 1943
113.	Cyprus	Patton, Albert Edgar	Jan. 17, 1943
118.	St. Mark's	Price, Richard W. P.	Sept. 9, 1943
119.	York	O'Meara, George Winfield G.	Feb. 1, 1943
119.	York	Harris, Charles C.	Aug. 12, 1943
120.	Monitor	Peterson, Henry	Mar. 19, 1943
122.	Rising Sun	Cruikshank, Alexander Barrie	July 23, 1943
124.	Concord	Wright, Charles Egbert	Jan. 31, 1943
124.	Concord	Carmichael, Leslie Stewart	Dec. 7, 1943
136.	Crescent	Hansen, John E.	Jan. 1, 1943
137.	Irricana	Hull, Thomas W. S.	Mar. 9, 1943
138.	Onoway	Hughes, David Frank	Aug. 3, 1943
141.	Efficiency	Hughes, Edward	June 1, 1943
142.	Ivanhoe	Wright, Marcus Colborne	Jan. 26, 1943
142.	Ivanhoe	Stewart, Charles Allen	June 15, 1943
142.	Ivanhoe	Curran, Albert Roy	Oct. 2, 1943
142.	Ivanhoe	Leslie, John	Nov. 29, 1943
144.	Gratton	Shaw, Thomas Wesley	Dec. 8, 1943
146.	Drumheller	Chittick, John Christopher	Mar. 1, 1943
148.	Mayerthorpe	Kidd, Lionel	Mar. 6, 1943
152.	Standard	Ramage, James	July 17, 1943
158.	Berry Creek	White, William	Feb. 1943
160.	Sexsmith	Bayne, Lawrence Melville	Jan. 9, 1943



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3.	Alberta	Jessup, Capt. Ralph Campbell	May 2, 1943
15.	Wetaskiwin	Black, Major Jay Burpee	Aug. 8, 1943
24.	Vermilion	Munro, Gordon Chapman	Jan. 21, 1944
59.	King George	White, Robert Edwin	Sept. 20, 1943
77.	Strathcona	Cawley, Preston H.	Oct. 14, 1942
81.	Commercial	McNabb, Capt. Donald Robert	Oct. 1941
81.	Commercial	Weeks, Harry Huestis	April 27, 1942
81.	Commercial	Winser, Frank Scott	Aug. 23, 1942
89.	Peace River	Ridley, James Arthur	June 1942
124.	Concord	MacDonald, Ian Batty	Feb. 5, 1942
125.	Cavell	Simpson, Percy Roy	April 15, 1941
143.	Jasper Park	Morley, William	Nov. 27, 1941
152.	Standard	Ramage, James (R.S.M.)	July 17, 1943

“Greater Love hath no Man”.

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

December 31st, 1942
(Not previously reported)

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
76.	Fidelity	Radke, Gus G.
80.	Excelsior	Calder, W. A.
108.	Pyramid	Stephens, Franklin A.

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5.	Cascade	Harding, Alden Denton
5.	Cascade	Stockand, George Cameron
6.	Spitzie	Jenkins, F. Herbert
6.	Spitzie	Robinson, Edgar C.
6.	Spitzie	Gordon, James
7.	Edmonton	Nicholls, Samuel Wm.
9.	Perfection	Brooker, Joseph
9.	Perfection	Carlin, Leo Emanuel
9.	Perfection	Yule, James Stewart
12.	Red Deer	Oldford, E. C. John
12.	Red Deer	Alcock, W. Raymond
14.	Jasper	Keeler, Joseph Frederick William
15.	Wetaskiwin	Hanson, Homer B.
19.	Cornerstone	Burnside, Allan
19.	Cornerstone	Challand Harry Melbourne
19.	Cornerstone	Cascadden Henry Mayne
20.	Carstairs	Alfrey, David E.
21.	King Hiram	Tighe, Harold
21.	King Hiram	Goehring, Henry
21.	King Hiram	Gertz, Gus
22.	Corinthian	Bell, Mack
22.	Corinthian	Hunter, Myrland B.
22.	Corinthian	Moodie, William
23.	Calgary	Ellison, Robert Henry
25.	St. John's	Long, William John
26.	Sentinel	Butler, Ernest
32.	Cairo	Lewis, Sidney C.
34.	Star of the West	Coloquhoun, L. M.
34.	Star of the West	Pattison, Peter
39.	Lethbridge	Nicholls, Thomas
39.	Lethbridge	Worthington, Thomas
43.	Tuscan	Anderson, John Macdonald
43.	Tuscan	Fairweather, William
43.	Tuscan	Teeling, Walter Roy
45.	Ionic	Baker, George Allen
46.	Palestine	Duckfield, William James
53.	Strathmore	Edwards, Cecil
54.	Mount Lebanon	Beal, Sidney K.

54. Mount Lebanon.....	Bowden, Sidney Thomas
54. Mount Lebanon.....	Buck, William James
54. Mount Lebanon.....	Churchwell, James E.
54. Mount Lebanon.....	Conger, Peter
54. Mount Lebanon.....	Hamilton, Lorne Neil
54. Mount Lebanon.....	Millen, George
54. Mount Lebanon.....	Simpson, Edwin
54. Mount Lebanon..	Stockton, Harry Emerald
55. Bassano	Davis, John Clyde
59. King George.....	Gayner, Walter
59. King George.....	Donnelly, Daniel
65. Diamond City.....	Miller, Walter
69. Connaught.....	Cary, Arthur Everard Falkland
76. Fidelity.....	Lidberg, John Evert
79. Morning Star.....	Halverson, Walter
79. Morning Star.....	Cunningham, Thomas
81. Commercial.....	MacDonald, James Reid
81. Commercial.....	Watson, Howard Lee
82. Acadia	Pentland, Sifton
82. Acadia.....	Boulter, Edward
82. Acadia.....	Steckle, Norman
82. Acadia.....	Osmond, Sidney Child
82. Acadia.....	Kershaw, Edward V.
87. Crescent	Duncan, William
90. Norwood	Wood, Tedbar
92. Saskatchewan	Hutchins, Michael Alexander
92. Saskatchewan.....	Parker, Ernest Wallace
94. Lamont.....	Calvert, Samuel W.
94. Lamont.....	Milne, Robert
94. Lamont.....	Miller, Guy P.
94. Lamont.....	Strong, Herbert Dolph
102. Edgerton.....	Burton, Christopher Gilbert
117. Dominion.....	Conrod, Reginald Campbell
124. Concord.....	Thomson, William H.
126. Pembina.....	Caldwell, Bryce
132. Craigmyle.....	Sieverding, Clements
143. Jasper Park.....	Duncan, Charles
151. Lochearn.....	Graham, Stuart Mentath

RESTORATIONS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River.....	Bott, Owen H.....	May 5, 1943
3.	Alberta.....	Faunt, Joseph Thomas.....	Mar. 17, 1943
4.	North Star.....	Cranston, Percy Herbert.....	June 14, 1943
4.	North Star.....	Reynolds, Paul.....	Feb. 2, 1943
5.	Cascade.....	Beedle, Ernest William.....	Feb. 11, 1943
5.	Cascade.....	Harding, Alden Denton.....	Nov. 30, 1943
6.	Spitzie.....	McLean, Daniel J.....	Mar. 2, 1943
7.	Edmonton.....	Rankin, Alexander.....	May 11, 1943
7.	Edmonton.....	McManus, David.....	Nov. 9, 1943
8.	Innisfail.....	Schurman, Frederick Cecil.....	June 17, 1943
10.	Eureka.....	Hansen, Harry.....	Jan. 9, 1943
10.	Eureka.....	Mathieson, Leslie.....	Jan. 4, 1943
10.	Eureka.....	Schade, Harry Edmund.....	Dec. 1, 1943
10.	Eureka.....	Stansbury, William F.....	Oct. 6, 1943
14.	Jasper.....	Reid, Robert Alexander.....	Sept. 13, 1943
14.	Jasper.....	Compston, William Sidney.....	Sept. 13, 1943
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Eastwood, Holmes.....	May 20, 1943
18.	Britannia.....	Hughes, Lomack G.....	May 6, 1943
19.	Cornerstone.....	White, James Patterson.....	Dec. 16, 1943
19.	Cornerstone.....	Dayment, Richard.....	Dec. 16, 1943
21.	King Hiram.....	Pavey, Josiah.....	Dec. 14, 1943
22.	Corinthian.....	McGregor, William Stewart.....	Feb. 1, 1943
22.	Corinthian.....	Wickstrand, John Ephraim.....	Feb. 6, 1943
22.	Corinthian.....	Dobbie, James G.....	Mar. 6, 1943
22.	Corinthian.....	Boller, Dresden A.....	Dec. 7, 1943
22.	Corinthian.....	Jones, F. R. C.....	Dec. 21, 1943
22.	Corinthian.....	Varty, Wm. J.....	Dec. 31, 1943
23.	Calgary.....	Gibson, Robert Alexander.....	Jan. 15, 1943
24.	Vermilion.....	Scott, Frederick.....	Nov. 2, 1943
25.	St. John's.....	Bigland, Edgar F.....	Mar. 1, 1943
28.	Ashlar.....	Gillilan, Fred Allen.....	June 10, 1943
29.	Kenilworth.....	Sinclair, Arthur Ralph.....	Nov. 4, 1943
30.	Summit.....	Cox, John Charles.....	Feb. 4, 1943
31.	Doric.....	Finch, Adon Bruce.....	Feb. 9, 1943
32.	Cairo.....	Berlin, Ralph L.....	April 20, 1943
32.	Cairo.....	Dow, Harry N.....	April 20, 1943
32.	Cairo.....	Myggland, Lars A.....	May 18, 1943
33.	Stavely.....	Whitehorn, Louis Newton.....	Feb. 2, 1943
34.	Star of the West.....	Leitch, L. V.....	Feb. 2, 1943
36.	Gleichen.....	Williams, Steven.....	Oct. 5, 1943
37.	Camrose.....	Weiss, Emil.....	Dec. 9, 1943
39.	Lethbridge.....	Martin, William Alexander.....	May 20, 1943
41.	King Solomon.....	Craig, Ernest John H.....	Feb. 18, 1943
41.	King Solomon.....	Rattray, George Pyle.....	Feb. 18, 1943
42.	Bowden.....	Cameron, Frederick W.....	Mar. 9, 1943
42.	Bowden.....	Knapp, George A.....	May 11, 1943
43.	Tuscan.....	Blaugh, Lewis Colin Albert.....	June 2, 1943
46.	Palestine.....	Russell, Lorne Alex.....	Mzy 18, 1943
46.	Palestine.....	Taylor, Thomas W.....	Jan. 19, 1943
46.	Palestine.....	Van Dyke, A. H.....	Mar. 1, 1943
51.	Unity.....	Lyttle, Hamilton.....	April 5, 1943
53.	Strathmore.....	Koch, George Edward.....	Mar. 1, 1943
56.	Beaver.....	Hewitt, Robert James.....	Dec. 1, 1943
57.	Grassy Lake.....	Peterson, Peter.....	Jan. 14, 1943

57. Grassy Lake.....	Ellingson, Charles.....	Feb. 11, 1943
59. King George.....	Badcock, Albert G. W.....	June 11, 1943
59. King George.....	Snyder, Ross W.....	Aug. 10, 1943
62. Melrose.....	Fitzgerald, Maurice LeM.....	May 20, 1943
62. Melrose.....	Engen, Ingebrigh.....	July 15, 1943
67. Charity.....	Wright, Albert.....	April 13, 1943
72. Coronation.....	Hunter, Albert John.....	Dec. 9, 1943
73. Brooks.....	Reynolds, William J.....	Dec. 21, 1943
76. Fidelity.....	Marshall, James Alex.....	Nov. 9, 1943
77. Strathcona.....	Evans, William Henry.....	Mar. 12, 1943
77. Strathcona.....	Parkes, John A.....	Dec. 10, 1943
77. Strathcona.....	Love, John Russell.....	Dec. 10, 1943
81. Commercial.....	Kerr, Harry Alexander.....	June 5, 1943
81. Commercial.....	Warner, Stanley Douglas.....	Dec. 4, 1943
83. Zetland.....	Cloakey, Oral Douglas.....	May 6, 1943
87. Crescent.....	McLellan, James.....	May 11, 1943
88. Wapapun.....	Reitze, Ernest Otto.....	April 22, 1943
89. Peace River.....	Lowes, Henry George.....	April 1, 1943
89. Peace River.....	Jackson, Frederick C.....	April 1, 1943
91. Patricia.....	Gillespie, Henry Wood.....	June 18, 1943
91. Patricia.....	McCarthy, Timothy F.....	May 8, 1943
91. Patricia.....	Patrick, Andrew.....	Mar. 19, 1943
91. Patricia.....	Todd, William H.....	Oct. 15, 1943
93. Symbol.....	Lines, Francis Thomas.....	May 13, 1943
93. Symbol.....	Brownell, Robt. A.....	May 11, 1943
95. Kitchener.....	Kerr, Kenneth.....	April 6, 1943
97. Albion.....	Olson, Grant McAllen.....	Dec. 31, 1943
98. Hand Hill.....	Hoover, William Arthur.....	Nov. 10, 1943
98. Hand Hill.....	Hudgeon, William.....	Nov. 10, 1943
101. West Edmonton.....	Olsen, Christian L.....	Mar. 3, 1943
101. West Edmonton.....	Scott, Thomas.....	Sept. 1, 1943
102. Edgerton.....	Ford, Albert H.....	Mar. 1, 1943
108. Pyramid.....	Stanton, Jack Wilner.....	Jan. 1, 1943
113. Cyprus.....	Davis, George Henry.....	Dec. 15, 1943
113. Cyprus.....	Gallup, Ralph Wyman.....	Dec. 15, 1943
115. Crocus.....	Milligan, Robert James.....	Nov. 30, 1943
123. Rockyford.....	Lawrence, Leslie.....	June 1, 1943
124. Concord.....	Veale, Frederick William.....	Mar. 6, 1943
124. Concord.....	Christopher, Howard Reginald.....	Feb. 6, 1943
124. Concord.....	Kemm, Harold Routh.....	Oct. 2, 1943
127. Granite.....	Spence, Patrick Philip.....	Sept. 1, 1943
127. Granite.....	Wilson, Hubert Hill.....	Nov. 3, 1943
129. Meridian.....	Holt, Ebenezer Alexander.....	June 9, 1943
143. Jasper Park.....	Lee, Arnot Brown.....	Jan. 22, 1943
143. Jasper Park.....	Keen, John Serymgeour.....	Feb. 13, 1943
144. Gratton.....	Saville, Joseph Lythgoi.....	Nov. 18, 1943
145. St. Alban's.....	Thurston, John Nutt Daubenny.....	Nov. 27, 1943
151. Lochearn.....	Hutton, John.....	Mar. 16, 1943
152. Standard.....	Fletcher, Dr. Duncan A.....	May 1, 1943
157. Sharon.....	Johnson, Edwin.....	May 26, 1943

Lodge Directory

No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Bow River.....	E. W. Thomas.....	909-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat.....	W. H. Williams.....	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta.....	G. R. Davis.....	Medicine Hat.	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star.....	W. M. Edwards.....	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge.	Second Friday in each month.
5.	Cascade.....	T. A. Dunsmore.....	P. O. Box 70, Banff.	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitfire.....	H. O. Purkis.....	Pincher Creek.....	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton.....	Lorne Muir.....	Box 34, Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail.....	W. C. A. Watt.....	Box 34, Edmonton.	Third Tuesday in each month.
9.	Perfection.....	C. S. Evans.....	522-19th Ave. W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
10.	Eureka.....	D. F. Chisholm.....	Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
11.	Acacia.....	John W. Whiddon.....	1001-88th Ave., Edmonton.	Third Wednesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer.....	A. J. H. Chamberlin.....	Red Deer.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria.....	F. H. Walton.....	Fort Saskatchewan.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
14.	Jasper.....	H. Sandilands.....	1043-14th St., Edmonton.	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Harry G. Smith.....	Wetaskiwin.....	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View.....	H. S. Ramsey.....	Olds.....	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton.....	Dr. G. E. McKeage.....	Nanton.....	Second Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia.....	G. D. Noble.....	Brandon.....	First Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone.....	J. F. Casteel.....	High River.....	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs.....	A. S. Gough.....	Carstairs.....	Second Thursday in each month.
21.	King Hiram.....	H. Morgan.....	Carstairs.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian.....	Wm. Fisher.....	Carstairs.....	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary.....	J. A. McBurney.....	P. O. Box 416, Calgary.	First Friday in each month.
24.	Vermilion.....	H. J. Payne.....	Vermilion.....	First Tuesday in each month.
25.	St. John's.....	Wm. H. Beacom.....	Vermilion.....	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel.....	Wm. H. Beacom.....	Bellevue.....	Second Thursday in each month.
27.	Apollo.....	Fred P. Radgett.....	Stettler.....	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashlar.....	T. M. Robinson.....	333-21st Ave. W., Calgary.	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Knellworth.....	F. Bentley.....	Red Deer.....	First Thursday in each month.
30.	Summit.....	J. Cuthbertson.....	Coleman.....	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric.....	M. W. Cooke.....	Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
32.	Cairo.....	T. C. Williams.....	Edmonton.	Third Tuesday in each month.
33.	Starvel.....	Chas. S. Gastell.....	Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West.....	M. E. Malchow.....	Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Minnehaha.....	Harvey F. Chittick.....	Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gladden.....	A. F. Finch.....	645-2nd Street, Medicine Hat.	First Tuesday in each month.
37.	Canrose.....	F. F. Bailey.....	Box 272, Gleichen.	First Tuesday in each month.
38.	Hops.....	W. N. Crooks.....	Canrose.....	Second Thursday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge.....	E. J. Rossiter.....	Mannville.....	Third Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa.....	O. H. Edwardh.....	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge.	Second Thursday in each month.

No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
41.	King Solomon.....	A. H. O'Keefe.....	Cochrane.....	Third Thursday in each month.
42.	Bowden.....	W. J. Henderson.....	Bowden.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
43.	Tuscan.....	Wm. G. Gar.....	Killam.....	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park.....	J. Robinson.....	Wainwright.....	Second Thursday in each month.
45.	Ionie.....	R. W. Whitfield.....	Alix.....	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine.....	A. B. Clutierham.....	Tofield.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
47.	Chinook.....	M. A. Murphy.....	Cowley.....	Third Monday in each month.
48.	Crossfield.....	William Lant.....	Crossfield.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
49.	Robert Burns.....	F. J. Whitmarsh.....	Carmangay.....	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Conet.....	W. H. McPherson.....	Hardisty.....	Second Thursday in each month.
51.	Unity.....	J. Booth.....	9350-108th Ave., Edmonton.....	First Tuesday in each month.
53.	Strathmore.....	W. S. Paterson.....	Strathmore.....	First Monday in each month.
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	W. M. Spark.....	1539-8th Ave. E., Calgary.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Basano.....	H. H. Beeber.....	Basano.....	Second Thursday in each month.
56.	Beaver.....	T. A. Marshall.....	Castor.....	First Wednesday in each month.
57.	Grassy Lake.....	Mark Hancock.....	Grassy Lake.....	Second Thursday in each month.
58.	Chief Mountain.....	Wm. Betts.....	P. O. Box 11, Cardston.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
59.	King George.....	H. Whittred.....	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary.....	Second Friday in each month.
60.	Acme.....	M. Carlyle.....	Acme.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
61.	Provost.....	A. W. Fiske.....	Provost.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
62.	Melrose.....	H. E. Molstad.....	Bawlf.....	Third Thursday in each month.
63.	Empire.....	J. Martland.....	Bow Island.....	Third Monday in each month.
64.	Bow Island.....	Henry G. Jenkins.....	Bow Island.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
65.	Diamond City.....	J. Melling.....	924-7th St. S., Lethbridge.....	First Thursday in each month.
66.	St. Andrew's.....	W. J. Taylor.....	Trochu.....	Second Thursday in each month.
67.	Charity.....	W. M. Martin.....	431-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge.....	First Monday in each month.
68.	Edson.....	A. H. Dakin.....	Edson.....	First Thursday in each month.
69.	Connaught.....	E. Primett.....	Viking.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
70.	Quarry.....	J. R. W. Cann.....	Box 242, Redcliff.....	First Tuesday in each month.
71.	Tawatinauw.....	Sydney C. Ward.....	Meanook.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
72.	Coronation.....	H. L. Staples.....	Coronation.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
73.	Brooks.....	Chas. S. Galbraith.....	Brooks.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
74.	Vulcan.....	A. McIver.....	Vulcan.....	First Tuesday in each month.
75.	Harmony.....	C. E. Blakeney.....	Sedgewick.....	First Tuesday in each month.
76.	Fidelity.....	Harry Ford.....	Baslaw.....	Second Monday in each month.
77.	Strathcona.....	H. C. Neal.....	10939-51st Ave., Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
78.	Hanna.....	Harry K. Fielding.....	Hanna.....	Second Friday in each month.
79.	Morning Star.....	W. C. Reed, A. Sec.....	Loughheed.....	Third Thursday in each month.
80.	Excelsior.....	H. V. Phipps.....	Box 35, Strome.....	First Thursday in each month.
81.	Commercial.....	Harold Lindsay Jordan.....	9904-103rd Street, Edmonton.....	First Saturday in each month.
82.	Acadia.....	W. S. Cummings.....	Youngstown.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
83.	Zetland.....	Geo. Cromie.....	103 Anderson Apts., Calgary.....	First Thursday in each month.
84.	Champion.....	W. A. McIntyre.....	Champion.....	Second Thursday in each month.

No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
86.	Rocky Mountain	J. R. McLeod	Box 2064, Blairmore	Second Tuesday in each month.
87.	Crescent	M. Currie	607-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wabun	Henry H. Reynolds	High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River	T. A. Norris	Peace River	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood	F. J. Bradley	12045-95A St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia	J. L. Mellish	Box 491, Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	George W. Emery	12613-107th Ave., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	Thos. Campbell	Box 352, Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont	A. H. Bennett	Lamont	Second Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	H. N. Taylor	Rimbye	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamic	H. H. Clark	Pox 69, Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	Sidney Chandler	Ribstone	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	D. H. Campbell	Delia	Third Tuesday in each month.
100.	Verdigris	D. H. Schultz	Milk River	Third Tuesday in each month.
101.	West Edmonton	W. Reg. Horner	11157-97th Street, Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
102.	Edgerton	F. F. Mitchell	Edgerton	First Monday in each month.
103.	Foremost	Chas. Coverdale	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
104.	Oyen	H. E. Bradford	Oyen	First Tuesday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	J. H. Hunter	Grande Prairie	Second Thursday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatchewan	C. H. Cowpar	Wembley	First Thursday in each month.
107.	Carbon	W. A. Braisher	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
108.	Pyramid	John G. Steeves	Lomond	Third Thursday in each month.
110.	Kilwinning	I. Richards	Innisfree	Third Monday in each month.
111.	Nobleford	E. Rubie	P. O. Box 60, Nobleford	Second Tuesday in each month.
113.	Cyprus	Wm. Harte	Box 95, Three Hills	First Wednesday in each month.
114.	Westlock	W. J. McCullough	Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
115.	Crocus	E. H. Targett	Chinook	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
116.	Spirit River	J. M. Fildes	Spirit River	Last Tuesday in each month.
117.	Dominion	W. W. Ward	11345-66th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
118.	St. Mark's	Geo. A. J. Braeken	133-15th Avenue East, Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
119.	York	Geo. A. Thompson	Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
120.	Monitor	W. H. Brocklesby	Kirriemuir	Second Monday in each month.
122.	Rising Sun	W. E. Cruickshank	Gadaby	Second Wednesday in each month.
123.	Rockyford	Chas. Bradwell	Rockyford	Fourth Monday in each month.
124.	Concord	Gilbert Tremear	314-26th Ave. W., Calgary	First Saturday in each month.
125.	Cavell	C. W. Storey	Delburne	Third Thursday in each month.
126.	Pembina	J. A. Kask	Sanguo	Third Thursday in each month.
127.	Granite	H. Andrews	Blackie	First Monday in each month.
128.	Forestburg	Hans Farvolden	Forestburg	First Wednesday in each month.
129.	Meridian	Jas. Malloch	Stony Plain	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
130.	Huscar	H. B. Stitt	Huscar	Second Wednesday in each month.
131.	Kitscoty	J. G. Inglis	Kitscoty	Second Monday in each month.
132.	Craignyle	A. W. Read	Craignyle	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries	H. J. Hargrave	Manyberries	Tuesday, on or before full moon. Third Friday in each month.

No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
134.	Renfrew	C. S. B. Laif	616-23rd Ave. W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance	N. B. Anderson	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Crescent	J. A. Gow	Barons	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana	G. E. Morrison	Box 12, Irricana	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onaway	E. T. Longman	Onaway	First Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley	Frank Dewar	Big Valley	First Monday in each month.
141.	Efficiency	J. H. Cochrane	Hughenden	Third Thursday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe	J. Madill	10178-118th St. Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park	E. A. Shaw	Box 113, Jasper	Third Thursday in each month.
144.	Grafton	L. S. Reeds	Irma	Fourth Saturday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's	W. G. Fuller	St. Paul, Box 107	Third Tuesday in each month.
146.	Drumheller	Jas. Somers	Box 381, Drumheller	Second Wednesday in each month.
147.	Northland	D. Mackie	Fairview	Thursday, on or before full moon.
148.	Mayerthorpe	Frank Kidd	Mayerthorpe	Second Thursday in each month.
151.	Lochearn	J. Horne	Rocky Mountain House	Third Monday in each month.
152.	Standard	F. D. Knowlton	Standard	First Thursday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt	J. Stanley Govenlock	Box 37, Whitecourt	First Wednesday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau	F. J. Henry	P. O. Box 48, Waskatenau	Last Thursday in each month.
156.	Hythe	A. H. Abbott	Beaver Lodge	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
157.	Sharon	Hugh Arthur	Iron Springs	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Berry Creek	M. A. Solberg	Carolside	First Tuesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne	Colin E. Dewhurst	Vauxhall	Second Wednesday in each month.
160.	Sesamith	L. R. Ganey	Sesamith	

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES

December 31, 1943

No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1942	Degrees			Affiliated	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1943	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimitted	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
1	Bow River.....	189	4	4	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	192	3	..
2	Medicine Hat....	238	5	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	6	237	..	1
3	Alberta.....	74	4	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	75	1	..
4	North Star.....	173	4	5	5	1	2	1	..	..	6	173	..	..
5	Cascade.....	130	3	3	3	..	2	..	2	..	5	128	..	2
6	Spitzie.....	83	3	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	2	82	..	1
7	Edmonton.....	221	10	6	6	1	2	2	1	..	6	225	4	..
8	Innisfail.....	64	3	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	66	2	..
9	Perfection.....	278	7	5	4	2	..	3	3	..	8	273	..	5
10	Eureka.....	* 89	3	3	3	1	4	3	..	..	3	91	2	..
11	Acacia.....	197	4	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	2	209	12	..
12	Red Deer.....	* 95	5	5	3	2	..	3	2	..	3	94	..	1
13	Victoria.....	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..
14	Jasper.....	114	3	2	2	1	2	3	1	..	4	112	..	2
15	Wetaskiwin.....	83	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	82	..	1
16	Mountain View...	67	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	66	..	1
17	Nanton.....	75	2	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	78	3	..
18	Britannia.....	79	3	3	3	3	1	3	..	..	4	79	..	..
19	Cornerstone.....	131	3	4	4	1	2	2	3	..	4	128	..	3
20	Carstairs.....	* 24	1	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	27	3	..
21	King Hiram.....	63	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	..	..	63	..	..
22	Corinthian.....	118	5	5	4	1	6	..	3	..	2	125	7	..
23	Calgary.....	154	3	4	3	3	1	2	1	..	1	157	3	..
24	Vermilion.....	110	3	4	4	1	1	4	..	..	3	108	..	2
25	St. John's.....	89	1	1	..	1	1	3	1	..	1	87	..	2
26	Sentinel.....	58	3	3	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	59	1	..
27	Apollo.....	84	4	4	4	2	..	3	..	..	1	86	2	..
28	Ashlar.....	134	5	4	4	..	1	3	..	..	5	132	..	2
29	Kenilworth.....	* 84	3	2	2	3	1	3	..	..	..	88	4	..
30	Summit.....	50	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	50	..	..
31	Doric.....	52	4	4	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	56	4	..
32	Cairo.....	64	9	9	8	..	3	..	1	..	1	74	10	..
33	Stavely.....	47	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	48	1	..
34	Star of the West..	59	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	57	..	2
35	Mizpah.....	135	5	5	5	1	..	..	..	..	2	139	4	..
36	Gleichen.....	62	7	7	4	1	1	3	..	..	1	67	5	..
37	Camrose.....	88	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	90	2	..
38	Hope.....	36	1	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	35	..	1
39	Lethbridge.....	141	3	3	3	1	1	3	2	..	3	138	..	3
40	Joppa.....	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	..	1
41	King Solomon....	* 38	4	4	7	2	2	1	..	..	2	43	5	..
42	Bowden.....	47	1	1	1	1	2	2	..	..	1	48	1	..
43	Tuscan.....	44	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	42	..	2
44	Buffalo Park....	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	53	..	3

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45	Ionic.....	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	54	..	3
46	Plaestine.....	41	3	3	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	47	6	..
47	Chinook.....	30	3	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	3	..
48	Crossfield.....	48	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	46	..	2
49	Robert Burns.....	30	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	30	..	..
50	Comet.....	29	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	28	..	1
51	Unity.....	306	8	9	9	3	1	8	1	..	4	306	..	..
53	Strathmore.....	69	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	73	4	..
54	Mount Lebanon.....	154	1	1	1	1	..	2	9	..	3	142	..	12
55	Bassano.....	54	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	52	..	2
56	Beaver.....	52	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	51	..	1
57	Grassy Lake.....	33	2	2	2	2	2	1	..	..	1	37	4	..
58	Chief Mountain.....	35	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	35	..	..
59	King George.....	247	7	5	4	..	2	3	2	..	6	245	..	2
60	Acme.....	47	3	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	4	48	1	..
61	Provost.....	41	4	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	45	4	..
62	Melrose.....	48	1	1	1	..	2	3	..	..	1	47	..	1
63	Empire.....	82	5	3	3	2	..	4	..	..	1	84	2	..
64	Bow Island.....	61	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	62	1	..
65	Diamond City.....	31	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	26	..	5
66	St. Andrew's.....	56	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	53	..	3
67	Charity.....	58	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	2	54	..	4
68	Edson.....	149	1	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	149	..	..
69	Connaught.....	31	2	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	30	..	1
70	Quarry.....	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	36	..	2
71	Tawatinaw.....	27	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..
72	Coronation.....	50	2	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	51	1	..
73	Brooks.....	89	2	4	5	1	1	2	..	..	..	91	2	..
74	Vulcan.....	78	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	76	..	2
75	Harmony.....	29	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	2	..
76	Fidelity.....	67	3	3	2	1	1	3	2	..	1	66	..	1
77	Strathcona.....	142	3	3	3	2	3	3	..	..	2	145	3	..
78	Hanna.....	85	7	7	7	1	..	4	..	..	..	89	4	..
79	Morning Star.....	33	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	29	..	4
80	Excelsior.....	22	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	19	..	3
81	Commercial.....	124	11	9	9	2	2	2	2	..	1	134	10	..
82	Acadia.....	42	..	1	1	..	..	1	5	..	..	36	..	6
83	Zetland.....	213	4	4	4	2	1	6	..	..	6	208	..	5
84	Champion.....	37	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	36	..	1
86	Rocky Mountain.....	49	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	2	..
87	Crescent.....	165	4	4	4	..	1	2	1	..	1	166	1	..
88	Wahpun.....	42	2	4	4	..	1	..	..	..	1	44	2	..
89	Peace River.....	66	5	6	5	..	2	2	..	..	2	69	3	..
90	Norwood.....	77	3	3	3	2	..	..	1	..	1	80	3	..

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91	Patricia.....	202	2	2	2	.	4	4	.	.	4	200	.	2
92	Saskatchewan...	90	8	7	7	3	.	.	2	.	1	98	8	.
93	Symbol.....	136	4	6	6	5	2	.	.	.	2	145	9	.
94	Lamont.....	41	1	1	1	1	.	.	4	.	.	39	.	2
95	Kitchener.....	26	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	28	2	.
96	Dynamic.....	31	.	.	.	3	.	1	.	.	.	33	2	.
97	Albion.....	41	1	3	3	1	1	3	.	.	1	40	.	1
98	Hand Hill.....	48	9	9	12	.	2	2	.	.	3	54	6	.
100	Verdigris.....	38	4	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	38	.	.
101	West Edmonton..	102	3	5	3	.	2	.	.	.	1	106	4	.
102	Edgerton.....	30	6	7	4	2	1	1	1	.	.	37	7	.
103	Foremost.....	43	2	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	43	.	.
104	Oyen.....	59	3	1	1	.	.	3	.	.	.	59	.	.
105	Grande Prairie ..	76	3	4	2	1	.	2	.	.	3	75	.	1
106	Lake Saskatoon..	45	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	44	.	1
107	Carbon.....	54	2	2	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	55	1	.
108	Pyramid.....	26	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	26	.	.
110	Kilwinning.....	25	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	24	.	1
111	Nobleford.....	28	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	27	.	1
113	Cyprus.....	33	1	1	.	2	2	1	.	.	1	36	3	.
114	Westlock.....	46	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46	.	.
115	Crocus.....	41	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	43	2	.
116	Spirit River.....	49	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	49	.	.
117	Dominion.....	100	14	10	11	2	.	1	1	.	.	114	14	.
118	St. Mark's.....	92	3	3	4	1	.	1	.	.	1	94	2	.
119	York.....	90	1	1	1	2	.	2	.	.	2	89	.	1
120	Monitor.....	30	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	1	29	.	1
122	Rising Sun.....	32	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	30	.	2
123	Rockyford.....	35	2	2	2	.	1	2	.	.	.	36	1	.
124	Concord.....	106	6	6	6	1	3	1	1	.	2	112	6	.
125	Cavell.....	31	3	2	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	33	2	.
126	Pembina.....	31	.	.	1	.	.	1	1	.	.	29	.	2
127	Granite.....	64	4	4	4	1	2	1	.	.	.	70	6	.
128	Forestburg.....	33	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	34	1	.
129	Meridian.....	35	3	4	4	.	1	.	.	.	.	39	4	.
130	Hussar.....	* 43	2	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	45	2	.
131	Kitscoty.....	31	3	3	4	.	.	2	.	.	.	31	1	.
132	Craigmyle.....	24	1	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	22	.	2
133	Manyberries.....	37	2	2	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	38	1	.
134	Renfrew.....	101	7	7	7	1	.	2	.	.	.	107	6	.
135	Alliance.....	21	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	1	.
136	Cresset.....	29	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	29	.	.
137	Irricana.....	59	3	1	1	1	.	1	.	.	1	61	2	.
138	Onoway.....	24	3	3	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	25	1	.

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140	Big Valley	42	2	2	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	44	2	.
141	Efficiency	31	2	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	1	33	2	.
142	Ivanhoe	153	6	6	6	1	.	2	.	.	4	154	1	.
143	Jasper Park	* 80	3	3	1	2	2	1	1	.	.	85	5	.
144	Gratton	28	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	27	.	1
145	St. Alban's	47	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	46	.	1
146	Drumheller	61	5	5	5	5	.	.	.	.	1	70	9	.
147	Northland	44	2	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	47	3	.
148	Mayerthorpe	33	2	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	34	1	.
151	Lochearn	64	9	7	8	3	1	2	1	.	.	74	10	.
152	Standard	21	3	3	1	.	1	3	.	.	1	21	.	.
153	Whitecourt	31	2	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	33	2	.
154	Waskatenau	18	2	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	2	.
155	Earl Haig	† 32	.	.	.	.	.	32	.	.	.	.	.	32
156	Hythe	35	2	2	2	1	.	2	.	.	.	36	1	.
157	Sharon	30	2	2	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	33	3	.
158	Berry Creek	35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	34	.	1
159	Lucerne	23	1	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	22	.	1
160	Sexsmith	27	8	7	7	.	.	2	.	.	1	32	5	.
		10736	391	367	353	126	104	235	79		179	10864	277	149

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North Dakota.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Hutcheson, Fargo.....	R. W. Bro. F. G. Galbraith, Red Deer.
Norway.....	R. W. Bro. A. B. Laurantxon, P.O. Box 392, Oslo.....	R. W. Bro. Hans Färvolden, Forestburg.
Nova Scotia.....	R. W. Bro. Geoffry Stevens, Halifax.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, Calgary.
Ohio.....	W. Bro. Herman N. George, Youngstown.....	W. Bro. S. M. Snedden, Ponoka.
Oklahoma.....	R. W. Bro. Henry S. Johnston, Perry.....	W. Bro. G. S. Armstrong, Edmonton.
Oregon.....	R. W. Bro. Edward L. York Portland.....	R. W. Bro. Jas. McGhee, Brooks.
Paraba, Brazil.....	R. W. Bro. Joao G. Coelho, Joao Pessoa.....	W. Bro. G. W. Bureau, Calgary.
Pennsylvania.....	R. W. Bro. Pedro F. Rodó, Lima.....	R. W. Bro. W. J. Stephensen, Red Deer.
Peru.....	W. Bro. Geo. R. Brady, Charlottetown.....	R. W. Bro. Harry Ford, Bashaw.
Philippine Islands.....	R. W. Bro. C. W. Henry, Cowansville.....	R. W. Bro. C. R. Walrod, Rockyford.
Prince Edward Island.....	R. W. Bro. Frederick Wm. Buckham, Brisbane.....	R. W. Bro. D. Patterson, Calgary.
Puerto Rico.....	W. Bro. J. D. Nelson, Providence.....	M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, Edmonton.
Quebec.....	R. W. Bro. A. A. Wilson, Regina.....	R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, Blairmore.
Rhodes Island.....	R. W. Bro. L. D. Cowling, Adelaide.....	R. W. Bro. R. J. Gaunt, Edmonton.
Rio de Janeiro.....	R. W. Bro. Geo. I. Whetzel, Orangeburg.....	W. Bro. T. B. Donald, Calgary.
Roumania (United).....	R. W. Bro. A. C. Warner, Springfield.....	M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Edmonton.
Saskatchewan.....	R. W. Bro. Charles Serex, Lausanne.....	R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands, Edmonton.
Scotland.....	V. W. Bro. A. H. Weedon, W. Tamer.....	R. W. Bro. A. Davison, Calgary.
South Australia.....	W. Bro. Luther E. Davis, Springfield.....	R. W. Bro. Geo. Campbell, Youngstown.
South Carolina.....	W. Bro. R. O. Best, Corpus Christi.....	R. W. Bro. Percy Cull, Lethbridge.
South Dakota.....	W. Bro. Alex. E. Eberhardt, Salt Lake City.....	R. W. Bro. Dr. M. A. McIntyre, Edmonton.
Switzerland (Alpina).....	R. W. Bro. M. S. Frijs, Caracas.....	M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid, Edmonton.
Tasmania.....	R. W. Bro. C. H. Darling, Burlington.....	M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, Edmonton.
Tennessee.....	V. W. Bro. H. S. Smith, Melbourne.....	R. W. Bro. John Booth, Edmonton.
Texas.....	Bro. Frank F. Champion, Norfolk.....	R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel, Calgary.
Utah.....	W. Bro. F. N. McCandless, Tacoma.....	R. W. Bro. James Murray, Olds.
Venezuela.....	W. Bro. Campbell A. Hendry, Claremont.....	M. W. Bro. T. F. English, Calgary.
Vermont.....	M. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, Parkersburg.....	M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, Calgary.
Victoria.....	W. Bro. F. G. Martin, Chippewa Falls.....	R. W. Bro. A. D. Currie, Crossfield.
Virginia.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	.....	.....
Western Australia.....	.....	.....
West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	.....	.....
Wyoming.....	.....	.....

(*)—Do not exchange representatives.

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. C. Archibald (23)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. J. Hargrave (133)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John B. Snape (143)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell (29)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. William Smith Jr. (128)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Melrose.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. William Fisher (22)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Herbert A. Walter (58)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Picture Butte
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Joseph Emmerson (30)

No. 3	Alberta	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Alex S. Bissett (45)

No. 27	Apollo	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	Alix
No. 56	Beaver	Castor
No. 72	Coronation	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Consort
No. 122	Rising Sun	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley	Big Valley

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. E. Jewell (154)

No. 11	Acacia	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Stanley E. Craig (49)

No. 49	Robert Burr	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Leonard C. Stevens (14)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Carl B. Anderson (156)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. C. Agar (115)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Arthur A. Kidd (66)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. C. P. Dahl (152)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. H. W. Lovell (46)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

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1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
 2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
 3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1916.
 4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
 5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
 6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be.
Proceedings, 1916.
 7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.
Proceedings, 1925.
15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?

Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.

18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?

Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.

19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?

Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.

20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.

21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.

22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.

23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?

Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.
33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934:

35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934:

36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?

Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.

37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934:

38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?

Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.

40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?

Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?
- Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings 1936.
43. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.
44. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.
45. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
46. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.
47. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.
48. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.
49. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.
50. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in

error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. Proceedings, 1939.

51. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

52. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting. Proceedings, 1939.

53. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.

54. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

55. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership, whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.

56. In the case of two officers serving in England, residents of Alberta, who desired to make application to an Alberta lodge near their home, it was ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta but who were stationed in England. Proceedings, 1941.

57. That members of the Armed Forces who hail from other Jurisdictions, regardless of whether they comply with the twelve months' residence clause, have no legal residence status in our Jurisdiction. They are still domiciled in the Jurisdiction from which they hail. And no application shall be received except by permission of the Grand Master when waivers must be obtained from their home Jurisdiction and after residence clause has been strictly adhered to.

58. Question: Is it proper for the Worshipful Master to cast one ballot for an elective office on a motion moved and seconded and passed by the Lodge?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1943.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada:

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (b) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

REVIEWS



LIST OF GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED FOR 1944 AND AS INDICATED



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| 1. British Columbia | 11. North Dakota |
| 2. California | 12. Nova Scotia |
| 3. Canada in Ontario | 13. Ohio |
| 4. England | 14. Prince Edward Island |
| 5. Illinois | 15. Queensland |
| 6. Iowa | 16. Saskatchewan |
| 7. ⁵ / ₄ Ireland | 17. Scotland |
| 8. Kansas | 18. South Australia |
| 9. Manitoba | 19. Victoria, 1942 |
| 10. New South Wales | 20. Washington |
| | 21. Western Australia |

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Seventy-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the Freemasons' Hall in the City of New Westminster, June 17th and 18th, 1943, the Grand Master, M. W. Brother W. P. Marchant, presiding.

The Annual Reports of the eighteen D.D.G.M.s make delightful reading. Each report has something of interest to those not residing in B.C.—they must be read to be appreciated.

In his report, the D.D.G.M. of Atlin-Yukon District No. 11, mentions the Lodges in his District are far removed from the larger centres and from each other. In his visit by plane to Whitehorse Lodge, No. 46, he noticed the register showed visitors from the four corners of the earth.

Under authority of a commission from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. N. P. Steacy visited Peace Lodge, No. 126, located at Dawson Creek (District 19), where he found the brethren "carrying out their duties in a most enthusiastic, creditable and practical manner". The three Degrees have been conferred during the year at the request of four Grand Lodges in the United States, viz.: Tennessee, Idaho, Illinois and New York, and the F.C. and M.M. Degrees at the request of the Grand Lodge of Nevada. Special tribute is paid to M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M., of Alberta, for the "very able assistance he has given to Peace Lodge."

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. P. Marchant, in his Address said that in all parts of the Province he visited "he met and came in contact with a fine body of men, earnest and enthusiastic Freemasons". He made reference to the Banff Conference held August 21st and 22nd, at which all four Grand Masters of the Western Canadian Jurisdictions attended, Alberta being represented by our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith.

One very historical event that had transpired during his term of office took place in the Fall of 1942, when a crew of eight men under the leadership of Brother Sergeant H. A. Larsen, in the Government boat *St. Roch*, completed the first west-to-east voyage made by man from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean by way of the Northern shores of the Dominion. The voyage took the better part of two years to complete, and we agree with the Grand Master that "if the world were not so engrossed in the world war now raging, this adventure would have been acclaimed with universal praise". Bro. Larsen is a member of Mount Newton Lodge, No. 89, Saanichton.

The Grand Master mentioned he had been called upon to make several rulings, one of which was where a Lodge desired to accept a Petition for the Degrees from one who lacked several months of being 21 years of age, it being alleged he would probably be called away on Active Service before that event happened. He declined to grant a Dispensation to receive the Petition.

Referring to the Grand Treasurer, he said that M. W. Bro. H. H. Watson had occupied that office for 42 years. This is a remarkable record.

The Grand Master concluded his address with an eloquent appeal to the brethren, saying that "never has there been a greater need for

good men and true, men of ideals seeking to relate correctly their lives to God and their fellow men."

The "Report of the Grand Historian" consists of an account of the first year's work of the first Lodge established in the B.C. Jurisdiction—Victoria Lodge No. 1085 E.R., and a history of Spallumcheen Lodge No. 13, established at Lansdowne, and later moved to Armstrong.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1085 was founded in 1860 and the minutes of the Lodge during that period are most entertaining, especially with regard to the petitions to the Grand Lodge of England for the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of B.C. was not established until 1871, the first Grand Master being the late M. W. Bro. I. W. Powell. The financial struggle during this period makes interesting reading. The original accounts were kept in sterling, but were soon changed to dollars and cents. The ball given on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1860, was held in the Court House, the Governor being present. "Those selling tickets were held responsible to the Lodge, through the W.M., for the respectability of the parties to whom they were sold. Regalia to be worn in conformity with the Constitution." It must have been a gala night for our brethren and their ladies, for the balance sheet shows 102 double tickets were sold at \$10.00 each, \$1,020.00, but the total layout cost \$926.45, leaving a small balance of \$93.55.

The story of the formation of Spallumcheen Lodge No. 13 in 1888 enchants one as he reads it. The Lodge takes its name from the Indian name of the district, and its original location was at Lansdowne in the North Okanagan Valley. When a change in the affairs of the district had the effect of wiping out the settlement, the Lodge was moved in the year 1893 to Armstrong, two and a half miles away. One of those who took part in its formation was W. Bro. The Rev. Canon W. H. Cooper, and the Historian has given considerable space to a biography of this remarkable man, a world traveller of extraordinary energy and an ardent Freemason.

When first formed the Lodge needed regalia and jewels, but Lansdowne was a long way from the sources of supply in those days. The pioneers were not deterred by this, for the ladies of the settlement made the Aprons and the village tinsmith cut out the necessary Jewels at a cost of \$7.25.

Your reviewer could go on giving many more interesting items mentioned in this Report, but space will not permit. Our congratulations go to the Historian, M. W. Bro. R. L. Reid and his collaborators, for a most interesting report.

Included in the Proceedings is a long roll of brethren who have enlisted for Active Service, some of whom, we regret, are shown as "Killed on Active Service".

In the "Report on Foreign Correspondence", two pages are given to a report of the 37th Annual Communication of Alberta.

Number of Lodges, 118. Membership, 13,102. Net loss, 79.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. J. G. Brown, Vancouver, B.C.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. F. S. McKee, Vancouver, B.C.

M.J.B.

CALIFORNIA

"While we have the greatest respect and admiration for the uniforms of the fighting forces of the nation, we must realize that we are not electing uniforms to membership. We must investigate the men who wear them and make sure they are worthy of the privileges they seek. This is also true of the many men now working in the defence industries. Let us not consider their present occupations or the size of their pay checks as qualification for admission."

So spoke M. W. Bro. Leslie E. Wood, Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California in delivering his address at the ninety-fourth Annual Communication held in the City of San Francisco on Monday the 11th October, 1943.

The communication was graced by the attendance of Grand Masters from the surrounding States of Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and Washington, who were received with appropriate honors.

Immediately following the opening ceremonies, the V. Reverend Grand Chaplain conducted inspiring devotional services using as his theme, "Faith for These Times".

The address of the Grand Master is full of interesting Masonic matter, some of which has a familiar ring. He takes issue with the custom of a Master of a Lodge starting a brother on the line as a Junior Steward because he is one of the Master's particular friends and then expecting that some day, regardless of his ability for the position, that he will be Master of the Lodge. The Grand Master frankly tells his brethren that this practice is wrong and is responsible for much of the troubles that Lodges meet.

The ritualist also comes in for a share of criticism, for he has this to say:

"To the candidate, during the time of his initiation, passing and raising, it is the most important function of the Lodge—for him it is a vehicle by means of which he attains an ambition—that of becoming a member of the fraternity. Rightly does he consider it the means to an end—the means to enter the fraternity that he might be taught more about the divine principles, the practice of which has made Masonry lead the way through the ages and become a powerful force for good in practically every civilized community of the world. But to his disappointment, he often finds that the ritual is not only the beginning but the end so far as instruction is concerned. He is invested with the secrets of a Master Mason and then forgotten while the Lodge turns its attention to the next candidate."

Dispensation was granted for the institution of a new Lodge in China in the City of Chungking, China, and given the name of Fortitude Lodge. On a request from this Lodge \$2,500.00 was donated to feed and care for the starving Masons in the south of China.

The War Relief Fund amounted to \$127,573.00 up to the time of the preparation of the Address which is well over \$1.00 per member asked for. In this connection the Grand Master states:

"I feel that the time for the greatest need has not yet come but as the war continues and wounded men are returned to our shores in ever increasing numbers, our service to them will naturally increase."

"When the war is finally won and our boys return to peaceful pursuits, Masonry must lend a helpful hand to re-establish our own and to assist in the rehabilitation of thousands of our members who may find it extremely difficult to adjust themselves to the sudden transition from war to peace."

A Lodge conferred the First and Second Degrees upon a candidate after which he was taken ill, on being removed to a hospital it was discovered that he was suffering from an incurable disease and was slowly dying. The Lodge wanted to know if there was any way the Third Degree could be conferred in the hospital so that the brother might have the benefit of a Masonic Funeral. The Grand Master ruled that the Degrees could only be conferred in a Lodgeroom.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows an increase in membership of 3,193. He tells of the extra work in his office by reason of the call for courtesy degrees, as many as a thousand a month. Again as part of their war programme California has agreed to accept the dues of members of Lodges in the Philippine Islands and on July 1st, 1943, they had on hand in trust for the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands the sum of \$7,065.99.

These Proceedings contain a very interesting historical sketch of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands prepared by the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of California.

War Service Committee recommended a programme of service and relief for members of their jurisdiction who are in the armed forces and their families; a programme of service relief for all Masons who have returned from foreign service and are confined in the Army and Navy hospitals in the State of California; a dock information and assistance for all Masons returning from sea duty or foreign service; and the stimulation of Lodge meetings for the benefit of Masons in the service.

From this report we learn that where a man has been injured the Navy will do everything possible to replace lost arms or legs, but if the eyesight or hearing has been damaged or impaired they do not supply glasses or hearing aids. The War Services Committee has undertaken to supply these to Masons who are not able to bear the expense themselves.

An extensive report on Masonry in the Hawaiian Islands is presented by Alexander Douglas Potts, and tells of Lodges receiving from forty to fifty applications for Initiation at a meeting. These applications are not coming entirely from men in the Armed Services but many who have lived on the Islands for years; consequently Lodges are heavily overworked trying to keep up with this condition.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence takes the form of the "Topical Review" and covers many subjects too numerous to mention. In the preamble to the report the chairman speaks of the wonderful work being done to members in the Armed Services. But against this background the leaders of our Craft should now pose the critical question: "And when the war is over what then?" The returning men will have been taught to fight or die; they will not be content to lapse into mediocrity.

We also learn from this report that a recent estimate makes the

number of other organizations claiming Masonry as a parent, legitimate or otherwise, at 247.

These Proceedings of California are replete with many interesting matters that should be mentioned, but space forbids, however, your reviewer has received much pleasure and instruction in perusing this record of the Grand Lodge of California.

W.I.

CANADA IN ONTARIO (1943)

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in Ontario was held in the Auditorium of the Central Technical School in the City of Toronto on June 21st and 22nd, 1943, with M. W. Bro. J. A. McRae on the Throne. Alberta's Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. Thomas A. Carson, answered the roll call.

Distinguished guests were present from Queensland, Quebec, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and from the Royal Arch and Scottish Rite Bodies of Ontario.

The benevolent grants during the last ten years, as administered by the Benevolent Committee, were in excess of one million dollars.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Quebec, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Michigan.

At an Installation Ceremony of a lodge, during the latter part, a man not a Mason was admitted and the Grand Master, very rightly so, took a serious view of the affair and from his address we excerpt:

"Aside from the procedure recommended certain observations can be made. The incident shows at once the danger attendant on inviting non-Masons as guests to masonic banquets. The man in question had been invited to this lodge on a number of occasions and had managed to make himself familiar with certain rudimentary masonic procedure so that his imposture was not immediately detected by all present. Insufficient care is sometimes exercised by Tylers in the proper execution of the duties of their office. Ante-room arrangements should in all cases be such that the Tyler can readily perform his duty in all respects. Other observations I have communicated to the Past Grand Masters who have charge of all that is connected with our ceremonies."

There were some very interesting and important rulings made.

(1) When a tie vote results in the election of the Worshipful Master the presiding officer cannot cast a second vote to break the tie.

(2) Dispensation is required for a lodge to hold a social evening. No mention is made of wearing regalia. We in Alberta hold lodge functions without dispensation but of course no regalia is worn. The Grand Master warns lodges that time is required to consider an application for dispensation and that some officers regard the sending of the application as almost tantamount to receiving the dispensation.

(3) In ruling on the mailing of notices in unsealed envelopes the Grand Master says:

"It seemed wise therefore to relax to a limited extent the earlier ruling and the Grand Secretary, on my request, informed all lodges that, if they wished, summonses not containing notices of balloting of any kind or other confidential information, might be mailed in unsealed envelopes. Some lodges, but I am pleased to note not many, have taken advantage of this permission, but of those who have, all have not taken the care prescribed. It is the responsibility of the Worshipful Master of each lodge to see that, if from time to time summonses of his lodge are sent out in unsealed envelopes, those containing confidential information are placed in properly sealed covers."

Grand Lodge contemplates the publishing of a "Bulletin" to be issued gratis to all brethren of the Jurisdiction.

On the Masters qualifications we excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

"My attention has been drawn by several correspondents and by several incidents that prospective Worshipful Masters do not make themselves sufficiently conversant with the ritual and also with the duties that pertain to the Master's chair. The result is a weak, perfunctory and unsatisfactory year of office that is no credit to the occupant and definitely harmful both to the lodge and to Freemasonry. I urge therefore that, as the officers of the lodge advance year by year, they should aim to acquire a thorough mastery of the masonic work in all its aspects, a knowledge of the particular responsibilities of the Worshipful Master of a lodge, and a familiarity with the Book of Constitution, not omitting the Rules of Grand Masters."

On speakers being invited who are not members of the Craft we excerpt:

"The other practice to which I refer is that of having non-Masons as speakers. I have pointed out already that the non-Mason has no familiarity or particular knowledge of our usages and customs. Unless specially warned, such a speaker may easily transgress the bounds placed on every Mason. Aside from this there is the question of a certain pride. The non-Masonic speaker is presumably one of quite mature years; he has in the course of his life time seen something of Freemasonry. Whatever opinion he may have formed it has obviously not been sufficiently cogent to induce him to apply for admission into our ranks. The opinion reached may be lukewarm, indifferent or even cynical. The speaker may have consented to speak to oblige a friend, putting his feelings towards the Craft in the background for the time being. I have a feeling that we demean ourselves or fail to show a reasonably good conceit of ourselves when we invite men to speak who have had the opportunity but yet have shown no inclination to associate themselves with us. Sometimes, but fortunately very seldom, lodges so far ignore masonic propriety that men are invited to address the Craft at refreshment, who, not to put too fine a point on it, are not likely, under any circumstances, to become Masons. Their training and associations are not such as to promote an active regard for Freemasonry and why to such an invitation should be extended and why accepted, is almost beyond comprehension.

"Another aspect of this subject which I would mention briefly is that to go frequently outside our ranks for speakers is seemingly to confess a poverty of talent in our lodges. If this were really the case, it would be a sad state of affairs indeed. Fortunately it is very

far from being true now, and there is no likelihood of it becoming true in the future."

Number of Lodges, 569. Membership, 91,497. Gain, 99.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. T. C. Wardley.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. E. G. Dixon.

M.M.D.

ENGLAND

From the rather scant reports circulated in wartime by the Grand Lodge of England, we learn with sincere regret of the death of R. W. Bro. Sir Kynaston Studd, Bt. C.B.E., President of the Board of General Purposes and Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire.

One of the famous family of brothers, excelling in whatever they undertook, Sir Kynaston's work for the Craft was outstanding, even in London, where Freemasonry has never lacked for brethren assiduously devoted to the Art.

For thirty-five years he was a Member of the Board, and with the exception of the last few years, when impaired health restricted his activities, he was seldom, if ever, absent from duty.

His educational work in the City of London was truly monumental, and his name, so long associated with the Polytechnic, will be remembered with gratitude by generations of Britons scattered the world over.

About a year ago the Grand Lodge was the scene of a most successful and somewhat unique ceremony, the installation by M. W. Bro. His Majesty the King, of M. W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood, K.G., as Grand Master.

We are constrained to quote in full the all too brief record of the event as appearing in the Quarterly Communication:

"The presence of M. W. Bro. His Majesty the King, who graciously performed the ceremony of Installation, greatly enhanced the importance and dignity of the occasion, and has given profound satisfaction and encouragement to Freemasonry throughout the World.

"It was a great disappointment to the Craft generally that existing circumstances rendered it impossible for the ceremony to be held in a manner befitting the importance of the occasion. The comparatively small attendance did not detract from the impressiveness and solemnity of the proceedings, which were carried out in the Temple which so adequately provided the appropriate setting for the time honoured ceremonial."

It is gratifying to observe that during the past year the Grand Lodge of England has issued warrants for a further sixty-nine Lodges, making a total for the Grand Lodge Register of 5,231, an increase of 416 during the past ten years.

G.G.C-W.

ILLINOIS

With the characteristic flair for figures of our friends to the South, we read in the Proceedings of the 104th Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, that at this meeting there were present representatives of two millions of the two and a half millions of Master Masons of the U.S.A.

In a masterly address the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Karl I. Mohr, dealt with many subjects covering the whole field of Masonic life and action. Emerging from the pages is the thought that no brother can be under any misapprehension as to what Freemasonry in Illinois stands for, and woe betide the transgressor.

It is good to see that the medieval physical disability clause in our Code is to be abolished from the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

A most illuminating document is the list of official business engagements entered upon by the W.M. the Grand Master. We marvel not that his address contains an appeal for a raise in pay for his successors.

We are amazed at the multitudinous spheres of usefulness into which our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois are so willingly thrust—discovering the exact physical condition of victims of accidents; and disease lying at great distances from their enquiring friends; securing sleeping car reservations for the wives returning home from visits to their husbands in the services; investigation of supposedly lost or stolen packages addressed to service men; sending of flowers and greetings, and, of course, the dispensing of a widely spread hospitality. Truly they exemplify “a brother’s keeper” under the able leadership of Bro. Carl F. Rank.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. Dwight H. Green, Ex-Governor of Illinois State, favoured the brethren with another of his delightful addresses. As Governor of the State and Chairman of the Illinois War Council, he had the opportunity to observe the working of every War Organization within the State, and so his statement that “the wartime achievements of the Masons of Illinois are excelled by no other group engaged in similar service” is a testimony to be proud of.

The Grand Lodge generously increased the salaries of their Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to \$3,600.00 \$6,000.00; and \$1,800.00 per annum, respectively, and further granted an increase in the subsistence allowance made to the representatives of Lodges attending Grand Lodge; a mileage grant of five cents per mile coming and returning, and a daily allowance of \$8.50 while attending, is the revised scale.

A reprint of the article from the “Masonic World” on the persecution and destruction of Masons in Axis Countries appears in these Proceedings, a summary of which may be read as: “Aggression and invasion eliminated 34 Grand Lodges having 2,713 Lodges, with a total membership of 235,356”.

In their foreign correspondence, a very full report is given of the 37th Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

G.H.C-W.

IOWA

The One Hundredth Annual Communication of the M. W. The Grand Lodge of Iowa was convened in the City of Des Moines, on Tuesday, June 8th, 1943, with M. W. Bro. Ford L. Van Hoesen, presiding in the Grand East.

Distinguished Visitors included representatives from the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Illinois and Minnesota, who were received with due ceremony.

The Address of the Grand Master is largely an account of his stewardship; his visitations included Ontario, and Minnesota and he speaks very highly of his reception at both Grand Lodges.

On the matter of the wholesale remission of dues to members of the Armed Forces, the Grand Master refused to validate amendments to By-laws which sought to give free membership to Members who have been inducted into the Armed Forces, and is of the opinion that such action is contrary to the Code and each case should be considered on its merits and only the "inability to pay" should be the test of remission. This is much in line with the action taken by other Grand Lodges south of the Border.

In his decisions we make note of this one as being of interest. A brother made application to his Lodge for a demit, the Lodge refused on the ground that the brother was co-signer to a note due to the Lodge, and as such was not clear on the books. The Grand Master instructed the Lodge to issue the demit, as in accordance with the constitution the brother was not indebted to the Lodge and therefore entitled to his demit. However, the Committee on Jurisprudence did not agree with the Grand Master and reversed his decision.

In the Report of the Grand Secretary mention is made of the passing of our beloved Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

It is the practice of the Grand Secretary to hold Lodge Secretaries' Conferences during their Regional Schools and while no particular formula has been devised, it has been found that frankness, informality and simplicity reveal much of the secret of their success.

Iowa boasts of a very wonderful library and the Grand Librarian's Report is not only very interesting but instructive. The list of books added to the Reference Work contains many that are not essentially Masonic. In the report on Grand Lodge Library a strong plea is made to the Lodges to take advantage of their Travelling Libraries so as to facilitate the efforts of all members in the acquisition of Masonic knowledge.

A very interesting and somewhat instructive report is that of the Committee on Automatic Suspension. This committee made a comprehensive survey of the situation and brought in several recommendations. The word suspension was to be confined to a penalty inflicted for unmasonic conduct. That "dropped from the roll" be the term used to designate loss of Lodge membership arising from failure to pay dues after they become delinquent. That for a period of one year from the time the brother is "dropped from the roll" during which time his dues remain unpaid, his status shall be that of a non-affiliate. That no Lodge shall grant extensions beyond two years.

Iowa has a very live committee on Military and Naval Masonic Activity, the Lodges contributed \$10,293.12 to this work during the past year. They sent contributions to Grand Lodges of several States in which numbers of their brethren or sons are reported and in which the Masonic Service Association is not operating. In each instance, save one, the contribution was returned saying their funds were sufficient to take care of such needs. The Grand Master sent letters of appreciation and encouragement to every member, son or daughter of a member in the service whose names have been reported to the Grand Secretary. The Committee have laid down the dictum that the Masonic responsibility is not a Grand Lodge, or a Lodge matter, but an INDIVIDUAL one and calls upon each brother to do his part in this great work. The Committee have issued a call for twenty-five cents per member and have allocated 40 per cent of the amount received to the Masonic Service Association, and 40 per cent to be set aside for rehabilitation of their own members and 20 per cent for carrying on the current work.

Iowa maintains a Masonic Sanitarium with an average daily population of thirty-two patients. They have been able to maintain the high standard of Medical service notwithstanding that many members of the staff have joined the armed forces.

The fraternal reviews are from the pen of M. W. Bro. Ernest R. Moore, P.G.M., who in his foreword deals with Masonry in its various phases; its position in the Democratic World, the Youth Movement, the Masonic Service Association and its war work and exhorting the brethren to cast an eye to the future and lay plans to meet the requirements that will have to be met. Included is an AXIS BOX SCORE against Freemasonry prepared by J. Fairbairn Smith, F.P.S. Editor of the *Masonic World*. Alberta is fraternally reviewed with copious quotations from the address of M. W. Bro. George F. Ellis and we thank the reviewer for his kind reference to our Grand Master of 1942.

W.I.

IRELAND

The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Ireland is a very comprehensive document dealing with the activities of the Provinces in the Island and Lodges overseas.

The most interesting event of the year was an occasional meeting of the Grand Lodge summoned to welcome and greet the M. W. the Grand Master, who had not been present at Grand Lodge for five years. From the account of the Proceedings, one gathers that, despite differences which unhappily divide the people of Ireland politically, upon one thing they are united, the loyalty and affection they hold for M. W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., M. W. Grand Master.

We learn that the room was packed to the doors; the Tyler's Room and the Ante-room being filled, and the Grand Lodge was tyled on the Grand Staircase, while many brethren were unfortunately refused admission. "The greatest gathering of Irish Freemasons that there has ever been."

A very kindly act is recorded of the Board of Benevolence making a gift at Christmas of Five Pounds to every annuitant who draws

the old-age pension from the State. "The gift was received with pathetic gratitude by the annuitants."

Many brethren from the Lodges are serving in His Majesty's Forces. Two old boys of the Masonic School are Chaplains. One, the Rev. Alan Buchanan, serving with the Parachute Troops, was among the first to be landed by parachute in Sicily, "when almost immediately a whole Battalion of Italian Infantry surrendered to him".

The other, the Rev. Gough Cooper, served through the campaign in N. Africa, and won the distinction of being given an immediate award of the Military Cross for gallantry in the Field.

G.H.C-W.

KANSAS (1943)

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held in the City of Wichita on the 10th day of February, 1943, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Cline C. Curtis on the Throne. Bro. Leo N. Gish, Alberta's Representative, being present.

In speaking of world conditions we excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

"The democratic processes of life, which Masons of former generations have helped to build in times of peace and have helped to defend in time of war, are threatened by those who make war upon us now. The very existence of the Fraternity is endangered by the same enemies. Let us not forget, however, that the doors of the lodge can be closed as effectively by the indifference of its own members as by the ruthless decree of a dictator."

M. W. Bro. Curtis in speaking of membership says: "We do not solicit candidates. That is one of the time-honored principles which has made the Institution strong. Yet, if men do not petition for the Mysteries, the Order would die. Where will we find the answer? All about us is the material with which Masonry builds. If you and I are genuine Masons, if we are actually practicing our Masonry, if we are Masons every day in the year, we will find the answer. We will find the answer when the designs inscribed upon the trestle board of the Supreme Architect have been engraved upon our very souls. The question is not, What is the membership of my lodge? The question is, What is the available Masonic material in my community which has been led to the door of the lodge by the example of the lodge? Do we inspire men to be Masons?"

The Grand Master during his term of office laid the corner stone of two public buildings, an Indian Agency Building and a City Hospital.

The Kansas Masonic Home is still a live Institution. One wonders sometimes as we get older if Alberta has adopted the right system of dealing with aged Masons.

Eighty-seven fifty year buttons were presented during the past year.

Under dispensations we excerpt:

"Two hundred and nine Special Dispensations were issued to abridge the statutory time between degrees and to abridge the time between reception of the petition and balloting thereon where the request was made in connection with persons contributing to the war effort. In each it was called to the attention of the lodge requesting the dispensation that statutory time only was abridged and that all other requirements of the law remained in effect. In all such cases the fee prescribed by law was charged."

The Grand Master during his term of office visited the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

We missed the review of our Alberta Proceedings.

Number of lodges, 438. Membership, 60,777. Gain, 1,124.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Charles H. McGinness.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. Elmer F. Strain.

M.M.D.

MANITOBA

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, in the City of Winnipeg on the 2nd of June, 1943, the M. W. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni presiding.

Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr. Among the distinguished guests presented at the Altar, was our own Grand Master, M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, who was welcomed by M. W. the Grand Master of Manitoba with a few well chosen words, saying: "Yours is one of the daughter Grand Lodges of Manitoba, that has outstripped the parent in size and extent. We congratulate you in all you have achieved. May your successes continue to multiply."

The Grand Master in his address, mentioned the interesting International Picnic held at Masonic Island on Lake Metogishe, on the boundary waters of Manitoba and North Dakota, in the Turtle Mountains. The Grand Master of North Dakota, M. W. Bro. Hall, gave an inspiring message, while the chief address of the day was given by the Junior Grand Warden from Manitoba, R. W. Bro. Rev. P.T. Pilkey. The Grand Master, in commenting on the efforts made to constitute that Island as a Masonic Shrine, said one must visit the spot to appreciate it. There will he see an open-air Lodge Room walled and roofed by gigantic trees.

In continuing his address he reported a strong upsurge of Masonic activity in every District. Study Clubs and Groups are becoming more active and more reading is being done with the assistance of the Library.

In referring to the Masons in His Majesty's Forces, he mentioned that he knew of one of our fliers, 21 years of age, who wrote to a fellow-Mason he had met in a Lodge Room, and who had just lost a son in the Air Force, "Be of good cheer, your son is happy that his offer has

been accepted." The writer's offer too was "accepted" a few months later.

Among the cases referred to him for decision, was where a Worshipful Master had failed to attend any of his Lodge Meetings or discharge the other duties of his office throughout his whole year, though available to attend all communications but one. After receiving the report from the D.D.G.M. and the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, he suspended him from office. He also reminded the Brethren to consider their solemn Obligation taken by all, the Charges of a Freemason, and the reputation of the Craft, and that even a minor infringement of their by-laws, the Constitution or the law of the state, is an offence against Freemasonry.

He concluded his inspiring address with a stirring reference to the mighty struggle the United Nations are now waging against the forces that seek to reduce the world to Slavery and Barbarism. He urged the brethren to live Freemasonry so that each Mason may be a leaven in his own community.

In the report from the "Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry" reference is made to the purpose of the District Meeting. There is a growing tendency to rely on the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers to provide most of the programme, whereas the District Deputy Grand Master presides and directs the proceedings and the main purpose for the visit of the Grand Master is to see the District at work.

Mention is also made of the method of electing the District Deputy Grand Master, and that the policy of passing round the honour to the various lodges in the District in turn is not conducive to bringing out the most suitable men. The Committee recognizes this as one of the most vexing problems."

"The Report of the Grand Historian", by M.W. Bro. W. Douglas, makes most delightful reading. He deals with the early history of that great sea, Hudson Bay, and the forgotten fortress, the ruins of which still stand at the mouth of the Churchill River. It is to be hoped this Report has been or will be published separately from the Proceedings so that brethren in the neighbouring jurisdictions may have an opportunity of obtaining a copy. Our congratulations go to M. W. Bro. W. Douglas for this excellent Report.

Among the Notices of Motion was one to amend the Constitution to read: "Business shall be transacted in either the Master Mason or Entered Apprentice Degrees of Freemasonry". On vote of Grand Lodge, the motion was declared lost.

In the "Report of Committee on Correspondence," Alberta is given a full page, with excerpts from the address of M. W. Bro. G. Ellis.

Number of Lodges, 104. Membership, 9,985. Loss, 12.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Pen C. Parker, Winnipeg.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Winnipeg.

M.J.B.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales is a compendious volume covering six meetings of the Grand Lodge, a very extended report on Foreign Correspondence and some pages of very readable poetry.

Early in the Report is news of a very remote Lodge in N. W. Australia held at Broome, a town which has been bombed by the enemy. The Brethren met in a tin shack, some travelling 120 miles on horseback in order to be present. This is reminiscent of Canada in earlier days.

The M. W. the Grand Master of New South Wales, M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Gowrie, V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., is prevented from attending Grand Lodge, save on rare occasions, but he is well represented by the Pro-Grand Master, Major-General F. A. Maguire, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., whose several addresses at the various Communications are well worth producing in extenso. Alas, restrictions on output of printed matter affect us, despite our vast production of paper, or we would gladly give the brethren the pleasure of reading them herein.

G.H.C-W.

NORTH DAKOTA (1943)

The Fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was held in the City of Fargo on June 15th and 16th, 1943, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William Hall on the Throne.

Our Representative, W. Bro. William J. Hutcheson, was not in attendance.

The Stars and Stripes, and the Union Jack, the flags of the two great English speaking nations, were presented while "America" and "God Save the King" were sung.

Distinguished Visitors were present from Minnesota, South Dakota, District of Columbia and from the Province of Manitoba. The Grand Commander of the Knights Templar and the Deputy of the Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of North Dakota were also received.

An International Masonic Picnic was held on July 12th, 1943, when the main address was given by Rev. Peter Pilkey, the Junior Grand Warden of Manitoba. There must be some good Orangemen in North Dakota.

The Grand Master put on a War Bond Sales for six weeks and from his address we excerpt:

"The State of North Dakota has led the whole nation for the past two months in per capita War Bond Sales—that means something—and I feel that it means the Masons and members of the Eastern Star and their families have had a great part in placing North Dakota out in front in this campaign."

"Mr. Fitzgibbons wrote me that he had reported to Secretary Morgenthau that it was too soon to report final results, but that he

believed that a conservative estimate of United States Savings Bonds purchased by members of the Fraternity in the United States from November 15th through December 31st, 1942, would exceed one hundred million dollars."

M. W. Bro. William Hall accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Walter J. Stockwell, attended the George Washington National Memorial Association, and the conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C., in February, 1943. They were present at the banquet of Grand Secretaries in connection with these two meetings.

Grand Lodge was called off to receive a delegation from the Grand Chapter O.E.S., of which organization the Grand Master is a Past Grand Patron. The Grand Matron extended fraternal greetings and presented a basket of flowers.

On the question of increased activities in Lodge we excerpt from the Grand Secretary's Report:

"The greatly increased activity in all lodges, many of which have done no ritualistic work in years has presented some problems. We have opposed mass Masonic production. We have urged careful and effective ritualistic work, and recommended that no advancement without proficiency in lectures of preceding degrees be permitted. It may be that our caution is unwarranted, but we have lived through the Masonic impetus of two previous wars and we know that unless men catch in some way the real spirit and meaning of Freemasonry it may be more or less of a passing show—here today and gone tomorrow. We know that this condition is nation-wide and the present enthusiasm to receive Masonic degrees is high, but it is more essential to make real Masons than merely to confer degrees."

One Lodge surrendered its Charter. This lodge dates back to the early 80's but the district has changed from Anglo Saxon to a district Polish Catholic Settlement.

The Reviewer would like to have heard the "Oral" conclusion of the Grand Secretary's Report.

In writing of the Welfare of those on active service we excerpt from the Correspondent's Report:

"One question which has had universal consideration has been the problem of what, if anything, Masonry can do for the welfare of the members of the Craft and their relatives in the country's service. In this, there has not been a complete unanimity, and while a few have expressed denunciation of the efforts of the Masonic Service association, seventy-seven per cent of all Grand Lodges, representing eighty-nine per cent of the total membership, together with all but one of the national Masonic organizations, are either members or are wholeheartedly supporting that work."

Also from a speech of the Grand Master of California, we excerpt:

"After all these men that come back from this war are going to demand from you and from me as never before, the most strict accounting of what we have been doing so far as this country of ours is concerned, and so far as Masonry is concerned. They are going to ask questions, and they are going to be very blunt about it."

From the Report of the Committee on Grand Masters Address we excerpt:

"Second, that the Grand Lodge cannot permit credit to be taken on the payment of Grand Lodge Dues and Fees or any remission of dues for men in the Armed Forces. And it is to be remembered that all men in the armed forces are being paid, and non-commissioned and commissioned officers are getting exceptionally good pay, besides being maintained, and with provision for future security for themselves and family."

Alberta is not reviewed.

Number of Lodges, 123. 10,590 Members. Decrease, 556.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Reinhart Gilbertson.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell.

M.M.D.

NOVA SCOTIA (1943)

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held in Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, June 9th, 1943, with M. W. Bro. Geoffrey Stevens presiding.

A Special Communication was held at Digby on August 13th, 1942, for the purpose of Dedicating the Lodge Room of Solomon Lodge, No. 54.

Alberta was duly honored by having the Grand Master as our Representative.

At the request of the United Grand Lodge of England the Grand Master visited Newfoundland and installed R. W. Bro. George R. Williams as District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia maintains a Freemasons Home. It also contributes to the maintenance of some guests who are not inmates of the Home.

We excerpt from the Report of the Committee on the D.D.G.M. Reports: "These reports, which review Masonic activities throughout Nova Scotia in considerable detail, suggest beyond peradventure that Masonry, instead of being on the down grade due to the world wide clash of arms which tends to refute the Masonic concept of the Brotherhood of man, retains not only its ancient appeal but also its unique and dominant place in the lives and affections of those who understand its teachings and live up to its principles, and as a result an improvement in attendance and a definite and encouraging increase in membership are noted in many Lodges."

Twenty-eight received Fifty-year Jewels during the year.

Nova Scotia is very fortunate in having M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris as Historian. At the present time Bro. Harris is engaged in writing the history of Freemasonry in that Province. As the early history in

Canada will be included in this work it will be found to be of inestimable value to the Canadian Student.

Number of Lodges, 84. 8,303 Members. Gain, 132.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. W. T. Powers.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. James C. Jones.

M.M.D.

OHIO

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio was held in the City of Columbus on Wednesday, October 20th, 1943, with M. W. Bro. Harry E. Schramm, Grand Master presiding.

Following the opening of Grand Lodge and the usual preliminaries of receiving distinguished brethren and the addresses of welcome etc., Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment for the purpose of giving recognition to Miss Emma M. Burrows who has been in the office of Grand Lodge for over fifty years (in that time I wouldn't be the least bit surprised but that she trained many Grand Secretaries in the way they should go) an achievement given to very few to serve so long in one position. An honorarium of \$100.00 was given to Miss Burrows by Grand Lodge.

The Governor of the State, John W. Bricker, now famous as a candidate for the Vice-Presidency, addressed the communication and exhorted the brethren to get back to first principles and have a greater dependency and a faith and belief in Almighty God.

In the roll call of Grand Representatives we are pleased to note that Alberta was duly represented.

The address of Grand Master Schramm covers some forty-three pages of the proceedings and is an account of his stewardship. Kindly reference is made of the death of the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. A new departure was made in the matter of physical qualifications for admission to the Craft. The Grand Master thinks it strange that the qualifications so essential in operative Masonry should have been carried over into speculative Masonry. He states that in making physical perfection of youth as a requisite for candidates for the degrees, we are not following the expressed declaration of Masonry that "the internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards". He therefore recommended that "as the demand for physical perfection is limited to a maim or defect that would render him 'Incapable of learning the Art' Lodges are authorized to be the judges as to whether a petitioner's physical condition will prevent him from exercising those high moral and spiritual virtues the Committees find he possesses, even though he may be unable to adapt himself to some visible requirement."

The Grand Master presented to two brethren emblems representing seventy five years of Masonic membership.

In common with other Grand Lodges Ohio is having a heavy influx of members and in order to impress upon the Lodges the necessity of making Good Masons, the Grand Master sent out a special letter to the Lodges exhorting them to take particular interest in their new members, especially after they have received their degrees and recommended the formation of a "Shepherding Committee".

War Services Committees in each Lodge were established to contact the brethren, their sons or daughters who have enlisted in the Armed Services. The sum of \$7,500.00 was paid to the Masonic Service Association to assist in financing Masonic Centers at Camps throughout the United States. This committee also figured in exhorting the brethren to purchase War Bonds in the several campaigns put on by their government.

A glowing tribute is paid the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Master backed this up by recommending an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary of some \$2,000.00, which was granted by Grand Lodge. That's the kind of commendation that really speaks.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows an increase 6,466 in membership over the previous year. The number of members raised was greater than any year since 1925.

In the appendix Dr. James J. Tyler, Grand Historian, gives Part II of early Freemasonry of Geauga, Ashtabula and Lake Counties, which is not only interesting because of its Masonic connections, but also as the story of those early days of pioneering in the State of Ohio.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence partakes of the nature of a topical review as well as a review of the several Grand Lodges and is from the pen of M. W. Bro. Earl Stewart, P.G.M. Under the heading of the topical review we find such matters as Democracy and Masonry, Masonry and World Revolution, Masonry and Youth, Masonic Service Centers and Utopia. All of these very pertinent questions in the Masonic World today, and while the questions are not dealt with at length, nevertheless, sufficient is said to cause one to stop and think.

Alberta for 1942 is given a very full and fraternal review. M. W. Bro. Martland's flag ceremony being particularly referred to. M. W. Bro. Ellis being complimented on his sound Masonic philosophy in his address. We thank the reviewer for his excellent review of our proceedings.

W.I.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (1943)

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Charlottetown on June 23rd, 1943, with the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Emory H. McFarlane on the Throne.

Alberta's Representative Bro. Brady was not present.

There were present nine Past Grand Masters.

On attendance we excerpt from the Grand Master's Address:

"The average attendance of members was from 12.2 per cent to 32.6 per cent of the membership of the respective lodges. These low averages can be accounted for in part by the fact that many of our members suffer the infirmities of age and many others are absent from their homes in the service of war or industry. But too many of our members remain away from lodge by reason of mere indifference. This is a condition which our lodges should constantly strive to correct."

The activities of the Grand Lodge Officers were to a great extent curtailed on account of war work and restrictions on travel.

Number of Lodges, 15. 1,049 Members. Gain, 6.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. T. Arthur Dawson.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. L. A. McDougall.

M.M.D.

QUEENSLAND

The Grand Lodge of Queensland are happy in that for the ninth year in succession M. W. Bro. Sir Leslie Orme Wilson is their Grand Master.

Bro. Sir Leslie was one time District Grand Master of Bombay, India, during which time the Craft benefited greatly from his zeal and untiring labours. It is a matter for congratulation that our Brethren in Queensland can count upon the guidance of so worthy a Craftsman.

Mention is made in the Grand Master's Address of dispensations granted to members of H. M. Forces about to proceed overseas to be initiated, even if under the full age of 21 years, "provided, of course, as has always proved to have been the case, the lads have been vouched for as fit and proper persons to join our fraternity."

Some discussion took place upon a proposal from the Board of General Purposes, a clause in which reads: "It is the desire of the Board that Lodges should take note that no Negroes who purport to be Freemasons should be allowed in the Lodge, owing to the fact that Negro Lodges are not recognized by this Grand Lodge." This was occasioned by the unpleasantness experienced by white members of the American Forces visiting Queensland Lodges and finding Negroes present.

It was decided to collate all information possible regarding the status (Masonically) of Negroes in the United States, and the consideration of the clause be postponed accordingly.

At a subsequent meeting of Grand Lodge, the Committee appointed to collect information reported as follows: "It appears that there is only one Negro Lodge in the United States of America, namely, the Alpha Lodge, recognized by a white Grand Lodge, that of New Jersey with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations. Consequently the members of that particular Lodge would be entitled to visit Lodges within the jurisdiction of Queensland. Queensland Lodges should not admit as Visitors any who are members of Grand Lodges that are not recognized by the United Grand Lodge of Queensland." This report was carried and adopted.

An Amendment to the Book of Constitution occasioned by war conditions is of some interest. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England has similar provisions but allows a maximum of five weeks, and the Grand Lodge of Queensland provides for an interval of two months. "If on the day appointed for the Regular Installation Meeting of the Lodge, the Master-Elect (though ready and willing to act as such) is unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, the Installation may, with the approval of the Board of General Purposes, be postponed and shall take place within two months of the date of such Regular Installation Meeting, either at a Regular or Emergency Meeting of the Lodge called for that purpose within such period. The Master-Elect shall be installed and he and his Wardens then invested shall at the date of the next Regular Installation Meeting be deemed to have filled the offices of Worshipful Master and Wardens respectively for one year."

An announcement which must have been unpleasant to make, though perfectly understood, was made by the Grand Master: "There will be no refreshments after the meeting of Grand Lodge owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies, due to war conditions."

The Proceedings are much curtailed in length due to paper restrictions, but contain very full statistics of members, lodges and finance.

G.H.C-W.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was held in the Bessborough Hotel in the City of Saskatoon on June 16th and 17th, 1943, the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, presiding.

Among the distinguished guests escorted to the Altar, was our own Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley, who was introduced by the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. F. C. Hayes. In welcoming Bro. Bradley, the Grand Master said: "Our relationship to you in this Grand Lodge is unique. You are here first as the Grand Master of our sister jurisdiction of Alberta; secondly as a Past Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. As such you owe us allegiance and, similarly, I, as a P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, acknowledge my allegiance to you as my Grand Master."

In his address, the Grand Master referred to his visits to the seventeen District Meetings. According to the arranged programme, afternoon and evening sessions were held—the former being devoted largely to the exemplification of the Funeral Ceremony.

In mentioning War Measures and activities incidental thereto, he stated because of the restrictions on the use of gasoline and rubber, it was unfair to ask District Deputy Grand Masters to exhaust their quotas in visiting, and accordingly suggested that P.D.D.G.M.'s, in localities distant from the homes of District Deputy Grand Masters might be commissioned to represent them in the discharge of their duties of their offices. Where the requests were made, this expedient was put into effect.

Referring to Freemasonry and Youth, he mentioned the launching of a Post-war Masonic Scholarship Scheme. While full details of this very worthy object are not given in his Address, the Grand Master recommends that if any part of the Second War Relief Fund is not required ultimately for such purpose, it be diverted to the Scholarship Scheme.

The Grand Master also referred to "The Tracing Board", a publication similar to our "Bulletin". The first issue of this paper appeared in March, and received a splendid response from the members.

In concluding his most comprehensive address, he mentioned the year that is closed, an anxious year, heavy with the tragedy of global strife. As did our Ancient Brethren, "which builded on the wall and they that bear burdens with those that laded, everyone with one of his hands wrought in the work and with the other hand held a weapon, and they laboured in the work from the rising of the sun till the stars appeared, for the people had a mind to work", so we must unite the sword of Knighthood and the trowel of Masonry in the same impelling service.

Finally, he said, "It has been my peculiar pride to have been the first Saskatchewan-born Mason to occupy this high office of Grand Master."

Notice of Motion amending the Constitution with the object of abolishing the office of D.D.G.M. was, by permission, withdrawn by reason of the Grand Master having appointed a special committee to carry out a survey of the sources of revenue and expenditure of Grand Lodge and report at the next Annual Communication. In the meantime, a copy of the explanation with reference to this Notice of Motion as prepared by M. W. Bro. N. B. Williams be sent to each Lodge in the jurisdiction.

In the "Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence", a page and a half is given to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Number of Lodges, 198. Membership, 12,129. Net Gain, 55.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion, Prince Albert.

Grand Secretary —R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Regina.

M.J.B.

SCOTLAND

The Grand Lodge of Scotland elected for the second time Captain John Christie Stewart of Murdoxtown, D.L., J.P., as Grand Master Mason.

In the course of his address, the Grand Master Mason mentioned that 19,500 brethren were initiated into Freemasonry in Scotland during the past year, fully 5,000 more than in the preceding year, and he characterized that figure of 5,000 as somewhat disquieting. Urging that quality, rather than quantity, should be their aim, if they were to maintain those high standards and ideals of the Craft, the Grand Master Mason feared that Masters of Lodges and Provincial Grand Masters were not taking sufficient steps to check this rushing through of members.

The Grand Master Mason further enjoined upon Masters and Provincial Grand Masters very careful attention to the admission of candidates, ensuring that entries into the Craft be scrutinized, and seeing that proposals came only from members who have known candidates for some considerable time.

It would appear from this fine speech of the Grand Master Mason that history does repeat itself, and this time in reverse. England's early lexicographer suggested that in his day one of the finest sights enjoyed by Scotsmen was the highroad to England. The following quotation from M. W. Bro. Stewart's address would indicate that Scotland, too, is not without her compelling charms.

"I should like also to refer to another problem which has arisen, and that is with regard to gentlemen from England who want to join the Scottish Craft. As you know, we have a great number of factories in Scotland just now, and many people come up from the South to work in them. Some of them are anxious to join the Craft, but I feel that as the majority of them are men of middle age, or from thirty to fifty, and have had ample opportunity of joining Lodges South of the border, it is not really in the interests of the Scottish Craft that they should be admitted as brethren of Scottish Lodges. If they were sufficiently interested in the Craft, they had ample opportunity of joining Lodges south of the border many years ago."

The oldest Past Grand Master Mason present at the Communication, M. W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, emphasized the need for selection of candidates, and created a slogan which might well be posted in the ante-room of every Lodge. "Numbers do count; numbers are good; but quality and good grounding are important. A candidate well founded is better than a legion."

Of very considerable interest to this Grand Lodge of Alberta is the Honorary Rank of Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland conferred upon our well-beloved brother, Sam Harris, P.G.M. We acknowledge with sincere gratitude this signal mark of favour, and would offer the assurance that such has not been undeservedly bestowed.

G.H.C-W.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

On the 21st of October, 1942, the Half-Yearly Communication was held. On the 21st of April, 1943, the Annual Communication was held and on the 9th of June, 1943, a Special Communication was held for the purpose of passing certain Amendments to the Constitution particularly with regard to the remission of dues for members serving in any of His Majesty's Naval, Military or Air Forces. M. W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Charles Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, K.C.M.G., Grand Master presiding.

Special reference is made in the Report of the Board of General Purposes to the tragic death of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, K.G., resulting in the sending of a cable message of sympathy to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England.

In the Emergency Directions the Most Worshipful Grand Master approved the recommendation that linen might be used in the place of plain white lamb skin as a substitute during the present emergency.

In his address at the Half-Yearly Communication the Grand Master stressed the need for greater support of the War Relief Fund by some of the Constituent Lodges, and by a circular to Masters, urged them to bring to the notice of the Brethren the worthiness of the Fund. He also pointed to the Government law prohibiting the manufacture of jewellery, and warned the Lodges to refrain from a breach of the law of the land by the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel.

In his address at the Annual Communication, the Grand Master paid a high tribute to his Grand Lodge Officers for the part they had played during the year, particularly in view of the handicaps imposed on travel.

He states in part: "The year that has passed has been one full of difficulties for us all. As long as the war lasts, these difficulties will not be lessened, and may well become greater. We shall, I am sure, continue to tackle them in the same spirit which has carried the Craft so successfully through the dangerous days that are past."

I am sure we all agree with the sentiments expressed in the foregoing quotation, and feel the need of re-girding our loins for the duties that still lie ahead of us.

Looking over the list of Grand Representatives present at the various Communications, we note that Alberta was not represented.

The review of Alberta is interesting and several quotations are made from the Grand Master's address. The reviewer notes, with regret, that we found it necessary to discontinue the review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges. This has since been happily remedied.

Number of Lodges, 153. Membership, 13,553. Gain, 66.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. His Excellency, Sir Charles Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, K.C.M.G.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. R. Owen Fox, Adelaide.

J.M.

VICTORIA

This review covers the Quarterly Communication held during the year 1942.

After completing three years of distinguished service, M. W. Bro. W. J. Byrne installed his successor, M. W. Bro. C. H. Book, K.C., LL.B., as Grand Master. The newly installed Grand Master in addressing the Brethren assured them that with the assistance of his Officers, they would maintain the high standard set by the retiring Grand Lodge team. He warned the Brethren of the grave outlook and unfavourable conditions prevailing at the time, but urged them to keep the Masonic flag flying; to keep their Lodges open as a witness to their faith in the eternal verities which are the basis of the Order. He realized the difficulties that would beset some Lodges, particularly those in country districts, in holding meetings, but stressed the need to keep the Lodges intact as bright oases in a desert of strife, where we shall maintain our great principles of morality and fellowship till the storm has passed and the battle is won.

He warned the Brethren that the times call loudly and clearly for unity, and closed his remarks on a very high note, calling upon them to place their trust, faith and confidence in God as their supreme reservoir of courage and their final reason for facing the future clearly and courageously, calmly and confidently.

At the June Quarterly Communication, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. F. E. Pettifer, on behalf of the Brethren present, congratulated the M. W. Grand Master on his appointment as an Acting Judge of the Country Court.

At the September Quarterly Meetings, the M. W. Grand Master said he was introducing a sort of innovation which he thought would be a good thing for the Brethren, so that they might go away instructed and uplifted. He then called upon the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. G. Calvert Barber, M.A., B.D., to address them, his subject being "After three years of war". The Grand Chaplain gave a very forceful and inspiring address, developing events step by step, and pointing to the fact that this is a conflict between two ways of life which are absolutely incompatible with each other. It is a most challenging address, and as the M. W. Grand Master stated in replying, one which made them realize the situation that they found themselves in. We regret that space does not permit a freer quotation from the address, but we would advise each Brother to read it at length from the Proceedings.

At the December Quarterly Communication, an Address on "Mozart", Master Musician and Master Mason, was given by Wor. Bro. F. H. Warne, P.S.G.D., assisted by the Grand Lodge Choir. It is a most informative address and worthy of perusal, and as stated in the vote of thanks following the address, one in which the speaker "has made a study of one of the liberal arts very easy for us".

In the review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Alberta has received very generous treatment from our Grand Representative, acting as reviewer.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Clifford Henry Book, K.C., LL.B.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, P.S.G.M., Melbourne.
J.M.

WASHINGTON

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Washington convened in the city of Wenatchee on Tuesday the 15th June, 1943, with R. W. Bro. Don F. Kizer, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

M. W. Bro. J. W. J. Stedman, Grand Master, having been drafted for special war work at the nation's capital was consequently unable to be present at this communication.

The address of the Grand Master was therefore read by the Deputy Grand Master. The address is largely an account of his stewardship and in common with most Grand Lodges we find the question of "Domesticity" looms large, as well as the desire for accelerating the time for

conferring the Degrees. One Lodge, which called a communication for conferring the F. C. Degree on a Sunday afternoon was severely reprimanded for so doing.

The Deputy Grand Master also presented an account of his official acts during the absence of the Grand Master. A member of a Lodge located in the Channel Islands under the constitution of the United and Lodge of England, desired to affiliate with a Lodge in the State of Washington, but due to the fact that the last receipt he was able to produce was dated to December 31st, 1940, the German forces being in control of the Islands it was impossible for the applicant to furnish further data of his standing, however, as the United Grand Lodge of England was prepared to accept the receipt as a clearance certificate the Deputy Grand Master gave permission to accept the application.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a net gain in membership of 944, the first since the year 1928.

We are pleased to note that in the reception of Grand Representatives, M. W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless, representative for Alberta answered the call.

A very able address was delivered by the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Henry C. Heal, on the present world conditions and what the post war possibilities might be and Masonry's part in them.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education have prepared four lectures none of which is planned to be delivered in the Lodgeroom. The first is delivered to the candidate before his Initiation, the second is an explanation of the philosophy of the First Degree the third with the Second Degree and the fourth with the Third Degree, so that a candidate may obtain a fuller knowledge of Masonry.

Masonic recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Argentina, the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, Mexico, and the Grand Lodge of Paraiba, Brazil, and an exchange of representatives ordered.

M. W. Bro. Lee Garlock, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho and M. W. Bro. H. B. Morley, P.G.M., and representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia addressed Grand Lodge in appropriate terms.

The report of the Military and Naval Service Committee shows that the Lodges were slow to co-operate with the Committee in furnishing the desired data requested of them. This Grand Lodge did not participate in work of the Masonic Service Association preferring to leave the U.S.O. to take care of that side of the work. Their activities have principally been towards their own members in the services and such of the brethren as are recommended to them from their respective Grand Lodges.

Looking to the celebration of the centennial of the founding of Masonry in the State of Washington plans are being laid for a Communication to be held in the city of Bellingham in 1948.

Without preamble of any kind M. W. Bro. Arthur W. Davis presents the Reviews of Grand Lodges. Alberta is very generously treated for the year 1942. Copious reference is made to the address

of M. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis and the address of M. W. Bro. Seely of Saskatchewan. Comment is also made of our flag ceremony as presented by M. W. Bro. John Martland.

W.I.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Proceedings cover the year ending May 27th, 1943, and include three Quarterly Communications, August 27th, 1942; November 26th, 1942; February 25th, 1943; Masonic Centenary Communication April 1st, 1943; Masonic Centenary Service, Sunday, April 4th, 1943, and the Annual Communication, May 27th, 1943.

In his address at the first Quarterly Communication, the Grand Master points to the need of moral courage in these strenuous and perilous days, and suggests that in time of stress an institution proves best its right to exist, its place in the world, and its service to mankind.

He gives a timely warning as to the graveness in the use of the black ball, that personal dislike of a candidate, his proposer or seconder, provided the candidate is a reputable person in good standing, and of whom nothing ill can be said, should not cause a brother to behave unlike a Mason by voting against his election.

He deals at length with the many evils with which the world is at present surrounded; warns the Brethren to hold fast to the high ideals of the Fraternity, and closes with a quotation from the famous address given by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysberg.

The unveiling of a photograph of the M. W. Grand Master, by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, was a pleasing incident at this Communication.

At the Quarterly Communication held on November 26th, 1942, the Grand Master deals at length with the proposal to form a United Grand Lodge whereby those Lodges presently working under the Scottish Constitution might be brought under the proposed United Grand Lodge—unfortunately, so far, they have failed in their efforts.

At the Quarterly Communication held February 25th, 1943, which is the height of summer in this part of the world, the Grand Master wisely was very brief. He referred to the careless use of Rituals, and in doing so stated that he had been given a leaf from an ordinary pocketbook whereon the secrets of a Master Mason had been written in full. He expressed the hope that the brethren would remember their obligations, and that the practice would be discontinued.

On the 1st of April, 1943, a Masonic Centenary Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Perth to mark the occasion of a century after the establishment of Freemasonry in the State. In dealing with the subject in his address, the Grand Master outlines at length the many vicissitudes, masonic and otherwise, that have taken place in the State during the century just passed, and in rejoicing over the evidence of the material and external progress that has characterized the century's work, nevertheless he reminds them to "remember that through all that time there has been no change in the fundamental principles and high purposes of our Order."

Unfortunately space does not permit quoting freely from a very masterly and most interesting address, but we can assure our readers that the address is well worth reading at length. The records of the meeting are brimful of many instructive historical happenings.

On the Sunday following, viz., the 4th of April, 1943, a Masonic Centenary Service was held at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, W.A., when a most inspiring service took place, through the kind permission of His Grace, the Archbishop, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral. Again the address on this occasion was given by the M. W. Grand Master. We regret that we have to refrain from making any quotations, but would urge all Masonic students to read it in the Proceedings.

At the Annual Communication held on the 27th of May, 1943, the Grand Master in his address sounded a more optimistic note regarding world conditions, and stated that they could now see the coming of the dawn. He warned against complacency and relaxing of endeavours. This meeting completed seven years of service as Grand Master—we congratulate him on his re-election for another year.

The Grand Inspector of Workings reports that the Craft has continued to make steady progress. Despite the many difficulties caused by the absence of officers, he points with pride to the strengthening of the determination of the Lodges to overcome all troubles, stating that the ceremonial work is of a high order. He, however, stresses the need for a greater measure of uniformity in the method of demonstrating the signs. He has a word of praise for the fraternal spirit existing within and between the Lodges.

There is much of special interest in the Reports of the various District Inspectors, which correspond to our D.D.G.M.'s.

It is interesting to note that Alberta was represented on the presentation of Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges. R. W. Bro. R. H. G. Clark, P.J.G.W., Representative for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, speaking for the other Representatives, extended, on their behalf, sincere congratulations to the M. W. Grand Master on the occasion of his enthronement for the eighth successive year, which the Grand Master gratefully acknowledged.

We congratulate the Grand Secretary upon having conferred on him the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master.

Total Membership end of 1942 is 10,147—a gain of 194.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Battye.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. A. E. Jensen, Perth.

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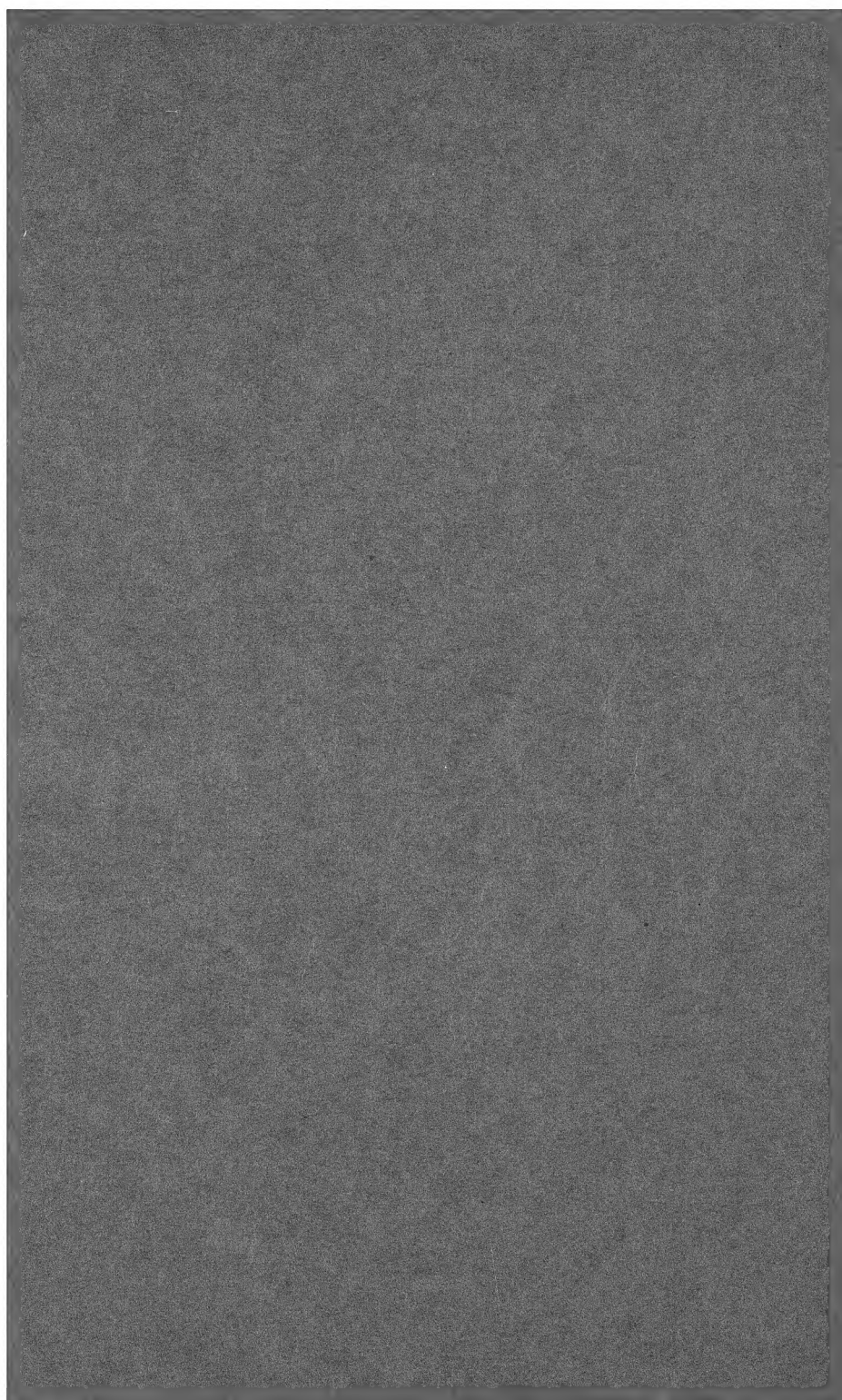
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